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I have the privilege to present for your information the Annual Report of the Department of Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Friesen

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Dear Minister:

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs for the 1999/2000 fiscal year.

This report is based on the departmental structures as approved by the Legislature for the 1999/2000 fiscal year. Accordingly the report contains three main sections: the former Department of Rural Development, the former Department of Urban Affairs, and the Urban Economic Development Initiatives program. The Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Works program, and the Economic Development Partnership Agreement are reported in separate annual reports.

The past year has been one of significant change with the creation of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. Organization of the new department along program delivery lines rather than geographic location has positioned the department to provide improved integration and coordination of programs and services to local governments and communities across the province.

In December 1999, Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs introduced a new, comprehensive initiative, Neighbourhoods Alive!, to support community organizations in the revitalization of neighbourhoods in need. This initiative not only coordinates programs and services within the department but across government, providing a single-window access to a range of government services.

The Livestock Stewardship Initiative commenced in 1999/2000 bringing together interested stakeholders to ensure the sustainable expansion of the livestock industry. The active promotion of community and land use planning through the formation of planning districts is a key component of this initiative. The Province also received the final report from the Capital Region Review Panel. The report is currently under consideration.

The Province provided significant funding support to the City of Winnipeg, totalling over $76 million for both operating and capital support, exclusive of the adjustment to reflect program transfers from the City of Winnipeg. This was the first year in which

funding from the Province was adjusted to reflect the cost neutral transfer of responsibility for income assistance and public health programs to the Province.

As the Canada-Manitoba-Winnipeg Agreement for the Development of Winnipeg nears completion, the Province has committed over $24 million of the overall provincial contribution of $25 million for the five year agreement. In 1999/2000 new project commitments totalled $6.6 million.

The Local Government Services Division provided ongoing advisory and consultative services, financial assistance and training to Manitoba's municipalities and municipal officials to ensure that local governments were able to continue to effectively serve their ratepayers and respond to changing social and economic environments. Preparations for the next general reassessment in 2002 also continued throughout the fiscal year.

The Rural Economic Development Services Division maintained support for the efforts of community organizations, local governments and rural businesses to strengthen the rural economy. A milestone was reached with the establishment of the 100th Community Round Table. Investment in the rural economy through the REDI program has now reached $154.5 million with more than 4,600 jobs created or maintained. Youth programming has now generated over 6,300 part-time positions for young people in rural Manitoba. Over $30 million was expended in over 50 municipalities on infrastructure development construction work related to sewer and water programming.

While 1999/2000 has been a year of new challenges, it has given us the opportunity to realize the synergy of bringing together programming that serves local governments and communities across the Province. The department is committed to providing quality services and programs to facilitate improvements in the economic, social, and environmental well being of Manitoba communities and their citizens.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Elliott
Acting Deputy Minister

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Intergovernmental Affairs

Organizational Structure

During the 1999/2000 fiscal year government reorganization resulted in changes to the organizational structure of the Department.

The newly created Department of Intergovernmental Affairs consists of the former Departments of Rural Development and Urban Affairs, the Canada-Manitoba Agreements (ie. Infrastructure Works and Economic Development Partnership Agreements), and the Urban Economic Development Initiatives program. The Food Development Centre, formerly part of Rural Development, was transferred to Agriculture and Food.

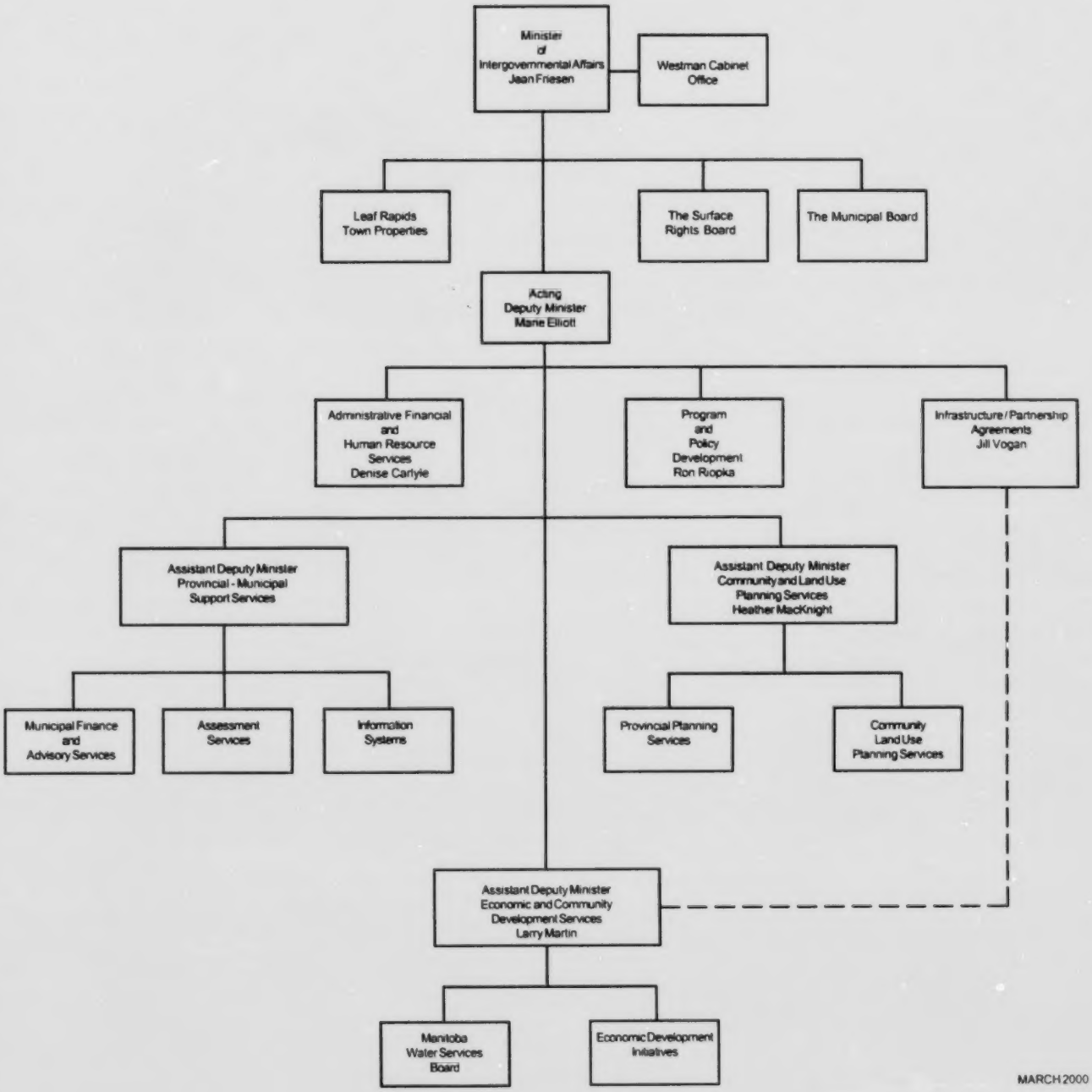
To undertake these responsibilities, the Department has been re-organized into three operating divisions:

- Community and Land Use Planning Services
- Provincial-Municipal Support Services
- Economic and Community Development Services

These divisions are supported by Administrative Services, which includes the Administration and Finance, and Program and Policy Development functions. Several Boards and Committees also function within the new Department.

This document has been organized to include all components of the new Department of Intergovernmental Affairs on the basis of the departmental structures as they existed prior to the government re-organization in order to facilitate comparison to the 1999/2000 Printed Estimates of Expenditure and related documents. In that regard the organizational charts as they existed prior to the re-organization, as well as the new organizational chart, have been included for information purposes.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART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Assessment Services
Information Systems
Provincial Planning Services
Community Land Use Planning Services
Assistant Deputy Minister Economic and Community Development Services Larry Martin
Manitoba Water Services Board
Economic Development Initiatives

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Preface

The Annual Report is organized in accordance with the departmental appropriation structure, thereby reflecting the authorized votes of the department as approved by the Legislature. As the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs was created mid-year in 1999/2000, the appropriation structure that is reported in this document is essentially the departmental structure as voted in 1999/2000, ie. the former Departments of Rural Development and Urban Affairs, Canada/Manitoba Agreements and Urban Economic Development Initiatives programming. The Report contains information at the Main and Sub-appropriation levels related to:

- The Department's objectives
- The actual results achieved
- Financial Performance
- Variances

The Report also provides a five-year historical table showing departmental expenditures and staffing.

Role and Mission

The linkage connecting the Province and Manitoba's municipalities is simple and direct. Provincial legislation provides for the existence of municipal governments and specifies their duties and powers. Within the parameters of this legislation, municipal government is autonomous in its own house, and a municipal council is a corporate and independent decision-making body.

Over time, the increasing range of provincial and municipal government services necessitated a broader linkage. As a result the Department of Municipal Affairs was established in 1953 and the Department of Urban Affairs was established in 1971 to coincide with the enactment of a new City of Winnipeg Act. Since that time the mandate of Municipal Affairs, outside of the City of Winnipeg, was further expanded to more accurately reflect its client base and the expanded nature of its responsibilities. In 1989, Municipal Affairs became the Department of Rural Development.

In 1999, these two departments, with similar responsibilities for municipal services and support and community planning and development, came together to form one department focused on working co-operatively with all local governments, communities and the people of Manitoba. The Department of Intergovernmental Affairs was established.

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs' mission is to facilitate improvements in the economic, social and environmental well being of Manitoba communities and their citizens. In all its endeavours, the Department is committed to providing quality services, programs, and funding in support of Manitoba communities. The clients that the Department serves include individuals, local government, community organizations and businesses.

To meet these clients' needs and, indirectly, the needs of all Manitobans, the Department establishes a legislative, financial, planning and policy framework that supports democratic, economically efficient local government and the sustainable development of our communities. The Department also provides programs aimed at meeting particular needs for local governance, planning, land management, community revitalization, business support, infrastructure development and other assistance in support of sustainable communities.

Report of the Deputy Minister

The new Department of Intergovernmental Affairs was created in October 1999, bringing together the former Departments of Urban Affairs and Rural Development, and administration of the Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Works Agreement, the Canada/Manitoba Economic Development Partnership Agreement, and the Urban Economic Development Initiatives Program. In addition, responsibility for the Food Development Centre has been transferred to the expanded Department of Agriculture and Food.

The new Department provides an integrated and coordinated approach to supporting the efforts of all local governments. The new Department continues to work in partnership with communities and the people of all regions of the province to provide the tools necessary to support the development of skilled, knowledgeable people and healthy neighbourhoods and communities.

In the area of local government support, staff continued to work with municipal officials, to address issues related to *The Municipal Act* and property assessment, and to provide funding assistance to communities and municipalities.

Grant payments supported the efforts of local governments to provide an effective and efficient level of services to their residents. Provincial Municipal Tax Sharing payments of more than $70.0 million included $40.7 million for the City of Winnipeg and $30.0 million for northern communities and municipalities. General Support Grants in excess of $8.0 million for Winnipeg and $1.0 million for rural cities, towns and municipalities provided municipal leaders with funding for local priorities. Additional funding assistance was provided through Grants in Lieu of Taxes, transit grants and community development grants.

The Department provided significant operating funding to the City of Winnipeg, with grants totaling $52.7 million (exclusive of the adjustment applied to Intergovernmental Affairs' operating grants to reflect program transfers from the City of Winnipeg).

Through the Urban Capital Projects Allocation (UCPA) III, a six-year funding commitment was made to support a partnership with the City of Winnipeg for the renewal and enhancement of the City's capital infrastructure. In 1999/2000, a total of $13.7 million in new UCPA III commitments were approved, including $4.5 million in unconditional funding for City priorities and $9.2 million for joint priority projects. Major activities included Transit Bus Replacement ($3.0 million) and Main/Norwood Bridges Construction ($3.0 million).

The Department coordinated provincial participation in the Canada-Manitoba Winnipeg Development Agreement (WDA), which is nearing completion. New project commitments in 1999/2000 totaled $6.6 million, with the major focus of project activity being the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Program ($1.8 million) and the Innovative and Preventive Child and Family Services Program ($1.3 million).

Towards supporting community efforts in rebuilding urban neighbourhoods in need, the Neighbourhoods Alive! initiative was announced in the fall of 1999. The Department has worked extensively with other provincial departments, other governments and community organizations during the fall/winter of 1999/2000 to develop the Neighbourhoods Alive! concept. Initially, the targeted cities will be Winnipeg, Brandon and Thompson.

Implementation of neighbourhood revitalization projects under the joint Manitoba/Winnipeg Community Revitalization Program (M/WCRP) was completed in 1999/2000. A total of $500.0 was expended in 1999/2000 on the three remaining residential neighbourhood projects (East Norwood, Elmwood and Glenwood) under this multi-year program.

In response to a City of Winnipeg request, the Department also developed legislative amendments that support housing revitalization in Winnipeg by enabling the City to take action against property owners to ensure the maintenance and repair of neglected or boarded up houses. The legislation received Royal Assent in December 1999.

The Assessment Branch continued to provide property assessment services to local governments in Manitoba. Preparations were also underway for the 2002 general reassessment. To ensure that assessment information is readily available to the public, the Branch offers access through the Manitoba Assessment Computer System (MACS) database on-line or through walk-in services at its head office and ten district offices. Currently 1,700 users have registered to gain access to MACS data on-line.

In the area of land use planning and rural economic development services, the Department continued to support the efforts of community organizations, local governments and rural businesses to strengthen the rural economy through effective land use and development practices, and the pursuit of new community opportunities, business growth and job creation.

Issues related to community land use planning gained a significant amount of attention, particularly as a result of the continued growth in the livestock industry. As a first step in designing a Livestock Stewardship Initiative, the Department joined with Manitoba Agriculture and Food and Manitoba Conservation to begin a public consultation process aimed at finding solutions that would protect the environment while, at the same time, ensuring the future of the industry in Manitoba.

Interest in regional planning districts continued to grow in 1999/2000 resulting in a total of 32 planning districts operating in Manitoba. The Province continued to provide financial assistance to help districts offset the cost of preparing joint planning documents. After a series of consultations on regional coordination and cooperation, the Capital Region Review Panel presented its final report to the Minister in December. The report, which is being reviewed by the Province, contains recommendations for this important region of Manitoba.

The Conservation Districts Program brought in two new districts raising the total number to 11, including 75 municipalities. During 1999/2000, staff assisted a number of districts in the development of management plans and met with over 40 additional municipalities to discuss conservation and the district program.

During the fiscal year, the Community Choices program reached a new milestone with the establishment of the 100th Round Table. Interest in the Round Table program continued to increase from northern communities, communities in the Kivalliq Region in Nunavut and urban centres.

The Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) and Grow Bonds continued to provide financial support to community initiatives and small businesses, helping rural Manitobans create jobs in their communities. Total investment has now reached $154.5 million and more than 4,600 jobs have been created or maintained.

The complementary Urban Economic Development Initiative (UEDI) within the City of Winnipeg invested $14.5 million in 21 urban initiatives in 1999/2000. This included support to such organizations as Tourism Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg, the Manitoba Arts Council and the Winnipeg Convention Centre and support to such major events as the Pan American Games and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Tribal Journey Events and Cultural Village. Youth employment programs, like Urban Green Team, also received funds to engage young Winnipeggers in worthwhile community or sustainable development projects.

The Community Works Loan Program saw the number of Community Development Corporations (CDCs) increase by 17, bringing the total number in the province to 87. Of these, 65 are now participating in the Community Works Loan Program. This year, delegates representing CDCs from across the province attended the second annual CDC conference in Gimli where they endorsed the formation of a Manitoba Community Development Corporation Association.

A major emphasis of REDI activities continued to focus on youth entrepreneurship and leadership. Green Team and Partners with Youth programs have generated over 6,300 part-time positions for young people in rural Manitoba.

In an effort to increase the use of the internet by all Manitobans, the Department participated in the announcement of the $11.1 million Community Connections Program. The federal-provincial program, to be implemented in the 2000/2001 fiscal year, will result in the creation of 440 new public Internet access sites and numerous new community resource networks across our province. Coupled with plans to continue to employ young Manitobans to work with and provide Internet support to local communities, individuals, community groups and small businesses, all Manitobans can look forward to having easier access to the information and services the Internet provides.

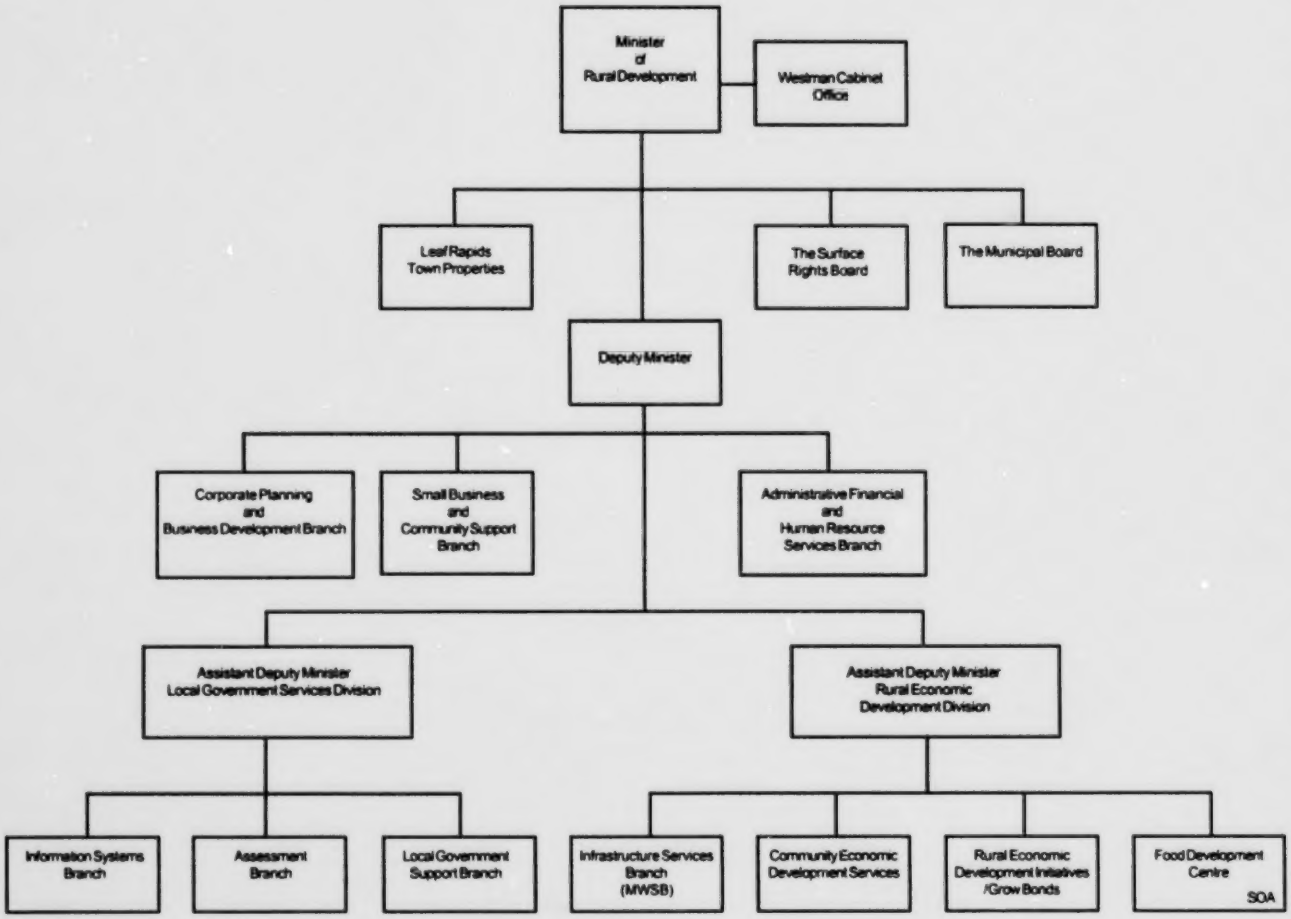
In the area of rural infrastructure development, The Manitoba Water Services Board expended in excess of $30.0M ($13.0M Provincial grants) in over 50 municipalities towards the development of sustainable and safe water supplies and environmentally sound wastewater systems. The added result of this investment is the creation of approximately 2,000 short and long term jobs in Manitoba's heavy construction, engineering and manufacturing fields. About 400 new rural residents were connected to safe, potable and drought resistant water supplies.

1999/2000 saw the seventh annual Rural Forum at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. This successful community and small business networking event drew a crowd of 9,000 people for its three-day venue. One of the highlights of the forum was the 'Community of the Future' exhibit which showcased how communities will harness and use technology and information in the future.

1999/2000 brought many challenges, many changes and many successes. As the new Department begins its first full official year in operation, staff are committed to working with Manitobans to ensure they have the skills and tools necessary to provide strong local leadership and governance, explore new economic opportunities, and ensure healthy neighbourhoods and communities.

Rural Development

MANITOBA RURAL DEVELOPMENT
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
PRIOR TO RE-ORGANIZATION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Assistant Deputy Minister Local Government Services Division
Assistant Deputy Minister Rural Economic Development Division
Information Systems Branch
Assessment Branch
Local Government Support Branch
Infrastructure Services Branch (MWSB)
Community Economic Development Services
Rural Economic Development Initiatives /Grow Bonds
Food Development Centre
SOA

Legislation

The Conservation Districts Act

The Local Authorities Election Act

The Local Government Districts Act

The Municipal Act

The Municipal Assessment Act

The Municipal Affairs Administration Act

The Municipal Board Act

An Act respecting Debts Owing by Municipalities to School Districts

The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act

The Official Time Act

The Planning Act (except Part IX)

The Regional Waste Management Authorities Act

The Rural Development Bonds Act

The Soldiers Taxation Relief Act

The Surface Rights Act

The Unconditional Grants Act

The Manitoba Water Services Board Act

Administration and Finance

The Branch provides the Minister and staff responsible to the portfolio with advice and administrative support, makes recommendations on human resource management, and directs administrative and financial services. These services are provided by Executive Support, the Brandon Cabinet Office, and the Administrative, Financial and Human Resource Services Branch.

Minister's Salary

The Minister provides leadership in maintaining and enhancing the direct partnership the Province has with its municipal partners, and its land use, resource management and economic development organizations. The Minister provides direction to ensure departmental goals and objectives are met.

1(a) Minister's Salary

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salary	26.9	1.00	27.0	(.1)	

Executive Support Services

The office of the Deputy Minister provides the Minister and her staff with information and advice regarding matters of concern to ensure open and continuing lines of communication within the municipal/provincial partnership, and between the Department and its diverse client groups. The Deputy Minister's office continues to carry out policy decisions initiated by the Minister and set directions for the activities conducted by the Department's branches. Administrative assistance is extended to the Minister's office.

1(b) Executive Support

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	712.5	12.50	763.1	(50.6)	
Total Other Expenditures	107.0	0.00	122.2	(15.2)	
Recovery	(216.1)	0.00	(239.8)	23.7	
TOTAL	603.4	12.50	645.5	(42.1)	

Brandon Cabinet Office

Opened in 1989, the Brandon Cabinet Office provides citizens in Western Manitoba with ready and convenient access to government. The store-front office provides information regarding government programs, and access to contact people in government departments and agencies.

1(c) Brandon Cabinet Office

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	148.7	3.00	171.7	(23.0)	
Total Other Expenditures	59.9	0.00	60.4	(.5)	
TOTAL	208.6	3.00	232.1	(23.5)	

Human Resource Management Services

The Consolidated Human Resource Services Section provides the Department's executive with appropriate recommendations on all aspects of human resource management, works within Civil Service Commission legislation and policy guidelines, and ensures that short and long-term staffing requirements are met within the Department. These objectives are met through recruitment and selection, position classification, performance appraisal, labour relations, human resource planning, staff training and development, staff counselling and occupational health and safety programs. The pay and benefits services are being provided through the consolidated Human Resource, Pay and Benefits Unit.

Major accomplishments of the Section during 1999/2000 included:

- Continuation of recruitment and selection delegations, and classification delegations from the Civil Service Commission, as a consolidated unit.
- Revision of the Assessment Officer classification specifications.
- Provided comprehensive pay and benefits services for approximately 300 Rural Development employees and 1,104.58 employees in total through the Consolidated Pay and Benefits Unit.
- Development of a business plan to address the requirements of the Department.
- Finalized competitions for 16 full-time and term positions.
- Continuation of hiring students through the Co-Op Education Program with the University of Manitoba in the Computer Science Faculty.
- Thirty-nine employees attended various programs offered through the Civil Service Commission, Organization and Staff Development program calendar. In addition, 10 employees received departmental education assistance to enhance career opportunities.
- Continuation of an orientation program which introduces new employees to Provincial and departmental policies and procedures.
- Continuation of monitoring Employment Equity employment statistics.
- Continuation of conducting meetings of the Workplace Safety and Health Committee.

1(d) Human Resource Management Services

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	140.2	4.00	131.8	8.4	
Total Other Expenditures	27.1	0.00	27.2	(.1)	
TOTAL	167.3	4.00	159.0	8.3	

Financial and Administrative Services

This Section provides central accounting, financial reporting, budget coordination, and selected administrative services to the Department. Within the authority of *The Financial Administration Act*, central coordination is provided to ensure the financial integrity of management information systems. Staff are also responsible for interpreting directives and regulations of Manitoba Finance.

Principal activities in 1999/2000 included:

- Maintaining the Minister of Rural Development's Trust Account with receipts of approximately $6.3M and disbursements of approximately $6.0M.
- Processing vouchers totalling $48.4M. Maintaining a revenue collection and deposit system totalling $7.2M.
- Coordinating and consolidating the financial information necessary to prepare Detailed Estimates of Expenditure and Revenue, an Estimates Supplement, Annual Report, Public Accounts Variance Explanations and Quarterly Forecasts of Expenditures and Revenues.
- Coordinating the operation and maintenance of approximately 85 fleet vehicles.
- Coordinating requests under *The Freedom of Information Act and Protection of Personal Privacy*. To year-end, 14 requests were submitted to the departmental Access Officer and were processed.
- Preparing financial reports for departmental management, and administering the Soldier's Taxation Relief By-laws.
- Within the department, designed, coordinated and supported the implementation of the new SAP software which was introduced for transactions processing in April 1999. Provided technical advice, and reviewed and revised all related policies and procedures affected by the redesigned business processes necessitated by SAP.
- Monitored and updated the business plan.

1(e) Financial and Administrative Services

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	350.8	8.10	390.4	(39.6)	
Total Other Expenditures	181.5	0.00	196.7	(15.2)	
TOTAL	532.3	8.10	587.1	(54.8)	

Boards

The Municipal Board

The Municipal Board is a quasi-judicial body that hears applications, appeals and makes reports and recommendations relating to local government matters.

Due to its quasi-judicial nature, the Board operates independently and is attached to the Department for administrative reasons only. The Board prepares a separate Annual Report on a calendar-year basis.

2(a) The Municipal Board

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	557.1	10.00	774.5	(217.4)	
Total Other Expenditures	213.9	0.00	273.3	(59.4)	
TOTAL	771.0	10.00	1,047.8	(276.8)	

The Surface Rights Board

The Surface Rights Board, a quasi-judicial body, operates under the provisions of *The Surface Rights Act* and consists of a Chairperson and several citizen members appointed annually by Order-in-Council.

The Surface Rights Act, as administered through the Board, provides a comprehensive procedure to adjudicate problems which arise between operators and owners/occupants with respect to rights-of-entry to explore for minerals. The Board determines compensation to be paid to surface rights owners and is responsible for assuring the maintenance, preservation, and restoration of abandoned sites.

The Board is attached to the Department for administrative reasons only and prepares a separate Annual Report each fiscal year.

2(b) The Surface Rights Board

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	8.7	0.00	20.7	(12.0)	
Total Other Expenditures	11.5	0.00	15.4	(3.9)	
TOTAL	20.2	0.00	36.1	(15.9)	

Small Business and Corporate Planning Services

Corporate Planning and Business Development

Corporate Planning serves as the principal co-ordinating agency for the Department in facilitating interdepartmental co-operation and undertaking strategic initiatives that complement and support rural community, land and economic development. The Branch assumes a significant role in the development of economic strategies, events, promotions, programs, policies and new strategic initiatives.

The Branch supports the development of provincial legislation relating to land use and economic development and administers the provincial subdivision approval process.

The Branch is organized into the following two sections to accommodate its principal areas of focus. Through the Branch Director, these sections provide the lead on major initiatives, policy matters, communications and major events.

Land Development

The Land Development Section organized, advised and supported meetings of the Provincial Land Use Committee of Cabinet (PLUC) and the Interdepartmental Planning Board (IPB) of Deputy Ministers and carried out their directives. This Section's activities in 1999/2000 included:

- Administration of the Planning Act, Provincial Land Use Policies and related regulations.
- Reviewing district/municipal land use plans, plan amendments and complex land subdivision applications, such as the Springfield Development Plan review.
- Assisted with the development of an implementation strategy for the Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation (COSDI) project.
- Co-ordinated provincial involvement and research support for the Capital Region Review Panel and public consultations and input into regional co-operation solutions.
- Served on or chaired interdepartmental and public/private sector working groups on several major land use initiatives, including Agricultural Livestock Guidelines, Winnipeg Airport Industrial Development project, Environmental Licensing, Lake Winnipeg Road Study and sustainability indicators.
- Assisted municipalities and the Department with the review of municipal annexation proposals and amalgamations. Development of a departmental strategy to address issues and mediate solutions with municipalities.

Review of district/municipal plans, plan amendments and complex subdivision Applications for 1999/2000:	
Development plan reviews and amendments to by-laws	85
New development plan reviews	8
5-Year reviews of development plans	12
Annexation proposals reviewed	9

Land subdivision statistics for 1999/2000:	
Applications received	860
Applications approved	744
Lots approved	1426
Applications refused by local government	28
Applications refused by Province	1

Business Development and Research

In 1999/2000, the Business Development section completed the consultation process and commenced an updated version of the sustainable economic development strategy for rural Manitoba. This section also undertook the following activities:

- Serving as secretariat to the Rural Advisory Committee.
- Serving on and chairing interdepartmental and intergovernmental advisory groups as a rural advocate on a variety of rural socio-economic development issues.
- Successful planning and completion of the seventh annual Rural Forum.
- Establishment of the Manitoba-Ukraine Secretariat Office and Community Advisory Committee in support of implementation of the Manitoba-Ukraine MOU.
- Continuing to represent the Department in the establishment of telecommunication network-based opportunities in rural Manitoba, including the Community Access program to further establish public Internet access sites, the Youth Employment program and the development and launch of a pilot project, Images of Manitoba Communities, involving youth in the creation of real-time videos of Manitoba communities as a promotional and marketing tool on the Internet.
- Continuing development and rollout of the Manitoba Marketplace website, including the development of a province-wide community profile database.
- Facilitating the development of the Premier's Pipeline for Manitoba Youth website and the planning of a special round table strategy session with Manitoba youth.
- Providing advisory support to Brandon University in the continuing development of a Masters of Rural Development program, rural community outreach services and a rural research agenda.

3(a) Corporate Planning and Business Development

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	690.4	11.00	690.8	(.4)	
Total Other Expenditures	111.9	0.00	109.9	2.0	
TOTAL	802.3	11.00	800.7	1.6	

Small Business and Community Support Branch

The Small Business and Community Support Branch (SBCS) works to assist and support grassroots business and community development in rural Manitoba through the provision of marketing and information/communication services. The Branch co-ordinates the above services on behalf of the Department and all of its programs and initiatives.

The Branch's objectives are to support the marketing and information efforts of small business and community organizations in rural and northern Manitoba, including the specific delivery of marketing seminars/services and advisory assistance, and to continue to create awareness and implement effective marketing and information and communication strategies for the Department's program, services and initiatives.

Branch Accomplishments for 1999/2000

- Conducted a series of small business and community marketing seminars in partnership with the private sector in communities across the province and a major marketing marathon seminar series at the annual Rural Forum.

- Preparation of a multi-media presentation for the Rural Forum designed to promote success stories, motivate and inspire Manitobans.

- Creative support provided for *"Let's Get Cooking"* radio broadcast on CJOB to promote the Food Development Centre, its clients and their made-in-Manitoba products.

- Co-ordinated and produced marketing material and support for a variety of departmental activities and programs, including the annual Rural Forum, Youth Green Team, the Manitoba-Nunavut MOU, the Community Development Corporation Conference, local government publications, economic development programs, the *Planning Act* manual and the promotion of rural and northern business and community success stories.

- Through a partnership with the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association, launched a campaign to increase public awareness of the Department's programs and services through community newspapers across the province.

- Development and distribution of Rural Developments newspaper through rural and northern Manitoba.

- Provided information services, including speeches, news releases, briefings, fact sheets, backgrounders, ministerial letters and managed internal services to address media inquiries and information requests.

3(b) Small Business and Community Support

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	231.2	4.00	238.7	(7.5)	
Total Other Expenditures	63.6	0.00	68.6	(5.0)	
TOTAL	294.8	4.00	307.3	(12.5)	

Local Government Services Division

Executive Administration

The office of the Assistant Deputy Minister coordinates program delivery within the Division. Policy advice and direction is provided to staff of the Division to carry out programs and services in the areas of education and training, advisory, financial, assessment and data processing services to local government. The Assistant Deputy Minister's office provides the Deputy Minister, the Minister and the Executive level of government with information and advice regarding matters of concern on local government.

4(a) Executive Administration

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	119.7	1.50	122.6	(2.9)	
Total Other Expenditures	29.6	0.00	34.6	(5.0)	
TOTAL	149.3	1.50	157.2	(7.9)	

Assessment Services

The Assessment Branch provides a comprehensive property assessment service to all local governments in Manitoba except for the City of Winnipeg and certain unorganized territories in Northern Manitoba. Assessment services are provided to municipalities, the Department of Education, property owners, ratepayers, and other clients in accordance with *The Municipal Assessment Act* by 10 district offices across the Province. Municipalities pay for the costs of the services provided to them. Costs associated with services to other clients are recovered through fees.

The Annual Maintenance Program

Each year the Assessment Branch provides each of our municipal clients with an updated assessment roll. Assessment rolls are maintained annually with the following updates:

Land Title Notifications
In 1999/00, 35,490 Land Title Notifications were received from Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Land Titles.

Mailing and/or Civic Address Changes
In 1999/00, 30,000 properties in the assessment roll were updated with mailing or civic address information.

Crown Land Leases and Permits
In 1999/00, 2,639 leases and permits were received from Agriculture Crown Lands and Conservation Crown Lands and updated in the assessment roll.

Property Inspections
In 1999/00, 45,526 properties were inspected as a part of the Annual Maintenance Program.

Property inspections are carried out when properties sell or when permits are issued for new construction, demolition, or significant building alterations. Inspections of farmland are often necessary when land clearing, improved drainage, or other physical changes to land within a municipality have occurred.

Assessment Notices
In 1999/00, 62,995 assessment notices were issued in August and September.

Value of Supplementary Assessment Amendments
Each year the assessor prepares a supplementary list of assessments for the municipalities. The municipalities may by resolution impose supplementary taxes in respect of a property or business for all or part of a year. The supplementary assessments recommended to the municipalities in 1999/00 are shown below:

Real Property	Business Property	Personal Property	1999 Total
$519,463,920	$6,272,780	$11,706,460	$537,443,160
7,616	402	151	8,169

The Reassessment Program

The Municipal Assessment Act requires a general reassessment be made every fourth year. In a general reassessment year all property owners in Manitoba receive an assessment notice. The assessment roll and assessment notices for the next general reassessment year (2002) will be released in the spring of 2001. The reference year for the 2002 general reassessment is 1999.

Preparations for the reassessment have continued throughout 1999/2000. To ensure assessments keep pace with changing market values, the Assessment Branch has continued to inspect properties, update construction costs that form the basis of cost analysis, update trends in real estate sales to establish new market-based rates, and estimate the value of certain commercial properties on the basis of the property-generated income.

The Total Municipal Assessment / Total School Assessment Program

Total Municipal Assessment (TMA) is the aggregate of portioned assessments applicable to taxable real property plus the value of Crown land and federal property and the value that would apply to mobile homes if they were taxable rather than subject to fees. The TMA is used to derive grants in lieu of taxes payable by the Province to municipalities. The Branch also provides the Department of Education with the Total School Assessment (TSA) which is the TMA plus portioned values of personal property less the value of real property, which is exempt from school taxes. The TSA is the tax base used by the Province to raise revenue to support the education program across Manitoba and is a determining factor in the distribution of funding to school divisions.

Appeal Hearings Program

Each fall and, in reassessment years in the spring as well, assessors assist municipalities by appearing at Boards of Revision to defend assessments that are being appealed by ratepayers. Appeals beyond the Board of Revision may be made as well to the Municipal Board and the Court of Queen's Bench. Each appealed property is reinspected, the circumstances are discussed with the ratepayer, and, if an accommodation cannot be reached, the assessor prepares comparable reports and attends the Board to present evidence.

In 1999/2000 the following appeals were initiated by the property owner and defended by the assessor:

Board of Revision	Municipal Board
1,278	48
**assessment rolls*	**assessment rolls*

Public Access

Property information contained in the Manitoba Assessment Computer System (MACS) database is currently available to the public through Information Systems Management Corporation's (ISM) *Manitoba On-Line* service. This service provides accessibility to MACS data on property characteristics, assessment amounts, sale history, ownership, address, legal description, and title information. Clients may access the property information utilizing a personal computer or through a walk-in service offered by Assessment Offices in Winnipeg and 10 district offices located across the Province. The Branch receives $.05 of the $.15 transaction fee. Currently 1,700 users have registered to gain access to MACS data via Manitoba On-Line.

Statistical Information

The following four tables provide summaries of the total roll entries, current value assessment, and total school and municipal assessments administered by the Branch. Figures do not include the City of Winnipeg, which operates its own assessment service.

Total Number of Roll Entries by Type

	Rural	Villages	Towns	Cities	L.G.D.'s	Aboriginal Affairs	Total
Business	2,045	278	2,063	2,932	23	179	7,520
Personal	2,358	15	78	41	0	2	2,494
Real	274,217	9,486	47,461	36,060	1,244	10,457	378,925
Total	278,620	9,779	49,602	39,033	1,267	10,638	388,939
Clients	116	24	51	7	2	1	201

Provincial Totals - Current Value Assessment

	Rural	Villages*	Towns*	Cities	L.G.D.s	Aboriginal/ Northern Affairs	Total
Business							
2000	37,861,984	2,023,612	36,911,140	78,224,220	367,200	973,590	156,361,746
1999	36,568,754	2,174,522	36,044,374	77,385,330	367,200	960,290	153,500,470
Change	1,293,230	(150,910)	866,766	838,890	0	13,300	2,861,276
Personal							
2000	138,113,000	3,037,400	28,567,200	31,230,700	0	117,900	201,066,200
1999	132,281,500	3,105,100	27,783,000	30,530,500	0	117,900	193,818,000
Change	5,831,500	(67,700)	784,200	700,200	0	0	7,248,200
Real (T)							
2000	13,881,170,560	286,106,700	2,398,922,718	3,106,945,960	43,998,400	74,141,600	19,791,285,938
1999	13,528,197,510	310,017,300	2,314,771,918	2,986,318,660	43,807,000	74,240,600	19,257,352,988
Change	352,973,050	(23,910,600)	84,150,800	120,627,300	191,400	(99,000)	533,932,950
Real (G)							
2000	512,225,800	13,889,100	139,933,600	252,744,100	3,274,900	48,346,700	970,414,200
1999	518,936,300	14,809,800	138,945,200	254,503,600	3,280,200	47,691,000	978,166,100
Change	(6,710,500)	(920,700)	988,400	(1,759,500)	(5,300)	655,700	(7,751,900)
Real (N)							
2000				3,493,900			3,493,900
1999				3,493,900			3,493,900
Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real (S)							
2000	56,606,800	15,370,900	137,532,300	108,270,300	636,600	426,600	318,843,500
1999	54,812,000	18,958,500	130,575,500	99,783,000	551,000	427,700	305,107,700
Change	1,794,800	(3,587,600)	6,956,800	8,487,300	85,600	(1,100)	13,735,800
Real (E)							
2000	745,753,200	78,080,300	582,157,700	479,042,301	16,460,500	35,503,500	1,936,997,501
1999	730,689,100	87,060,000	567,906,500	477,993,001	16,523,100	35,451,200	1,915,622,901
Change	15,064,100	(8,979,700)	14,251,200	1,049,300	(62,600)	52,300	21,374,600
Total							
2000	15,371,731,344	398,508,012	3,324,024,658	4,059,951,481	64,737,600	159,509,890	23,378,462,985
1999	15,001,485,164	436,125,222	3,216,026,492	3,930,007,991	64,528,500	158,888,690	22,807,062,059
Change	370,246,180	(37,617,210)	107,998,166	129,943,490	209,100	621,200	571,400,926

T - Taxable
G - Exempt: Subject to grant in lieu of taxes
N - Exempt: Subject to grant, exempted from school levies
S - Taxable: Exempt from school levies
E - Exempt

**** Pursuant to Sections 32/33 of The Municipal Act, the Villages of Gilbert Plains and Manitou have had their status changed from "Villages" to "Towns" during the past year. The changes in assessment reflect these changes in status.***

Total School Assessment (Portioned Values)

In accordance with provisions of *The Municipal Assessment Act*, the 2000 Total School Assessment was provided to the Department of Education by December 1, 1999 and formed the basis for the calculation of school levies.

School Division	School Assessment
1	3,636,719,380
2	1,384,438,460
3	918,376,100
4	703,816,220
5	1,083,759,240
6	1,001,213,670
8	181,100,150
9	1,229,986,230
10	858,345,720
11	603,174,110
12	842,170,810
13	368,119,210
14	415,843,210
15	472,097,480
16	98,458,380
17	131,888,090
18	149,070,850
19	230,191,430
20	148,809,540
21	375,752,580
22	293,064,710
23	120,278,090
24	421,737,530
25	197,749,900
26	240,054,840
27	105,994,650
28	111,570,640
29	134,065,850
30	147,807,480
31	205,640,530
32	83,540,130
33	182,409,520
34	41,806,150
35	176,146,920
36	129,405,310
37	109,868,500
38	170,007,180
39	241,224,620
40	928,428,260
41	232,930,080
42	146,099,040
43	138,435,260
44	141,233,260
45	131,530,020
46	71,005,320
47	146,715,420
48	59,136,530
60	17,017,490
75	11,622,130
83	12,624,960
84	2,721,310
85	10,442,850
86	189,793,320
NIL	53,841,490
Provincial Total	20,239,280,150

Total Municipal Assessment (Portioned Values)

	1999	Total Clients Served	2000	Total Clients Served
Rural Municipalities	5,558,363,170	116	5,720,828,870	116
Villages*	167,303,630	26	152,480,410	24
Towns*	1,297,479,520	49	1,343,698,740	51
Cities (Except Wpg)	1,709,357,650	7	1,784,630,270	7
City of Winnipeg	11,325,208,040		11,357,360,860	
L.G.D.'s	23,036,610	2	23,160,920	2
Aboriginal/ Northern Affairs	55,162,650	1	55,429,080	1
TOTAL	20,135,911,270	201	20,437,589,150	201

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4(b) Assessment Services

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	5,861.4	124.50	6,013.7	(152.3)	
Total Other Expenditures	1,333.3	0.00	1,359.0	(25.7)	
Less: Recoverable from Education & Training	(1,843.2)	0.00	(1,843.2)	0.0	
TOTAL	5,351.5	124.50	5,529.5	(178.0)	

Local Government Support Services

The Branch's role is to support the maintenance of strong local governments that can effectively respond to the changing social and economic environment of rural Manitoba, through the provision of advisory and consulting services; financial support and relevant and enabling legislation.

Principal programs include:

Municipal Advisory Services

- Provides advisory and consultative services to elected and appointed municipal officials in all areas of municipal administration. Includes coordinating and delivering education and training programs for elected and appointed officials.

- Maintains a flexible and responsive legislative framework, supported by a comprehensive procedures manual, within which municipalities must operate. Relevant legislation includes *The Municipal Act, The Local Government Districts Act, The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act, The Municipal Affairs Administration Act* and *The Local Authorities Election Act.*

Municipal Financial Services

- Provides assistance and training to municipalities so they are able to efficiently and effectively manage their financial resources to ensure sustainability of municipal operations and programs.

- Ensures legislative requirements are met related to independent audits of municipal finances, to municipal operating deficits, and to capital borrowing by municipalities.

- Presents relevant and useful comparative statistical information respecting all Manitoba municipalities to meet the needs of various users.

Grants Administration

- Distributes grants and payments to recipients on time and in accordance with program guidelines, in support of provincial policy objectives. Grants and payments administered are:
  - Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Payment (PMTS)
  - Community Support Grant (VLT revenues)
  - Municipal Support Grant
  - Grant in Lieu of Taxes (GIL)
  - Transit Grant
  - Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Grant
  - Resident Homeowners Tax Assistance

- Reviews grant distribution formulae and mechanisms to ensure programs continue to meet objectives.

Audited financial statements indicate Manitoba municipalities continued to maintain favourable financial positions. The following tables primarily depict 1998 and 1999 comparisons in the areas of municipal revenues, expenditures, reserve funds, capital borrowing and tax imposition/collection.

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MUNICIPAL REVENUE

Municipal Revenues by major source for 1999 with comparative figures for 1998 were as follows:

OTHER REVENUE* ($000)		GENERAL MUNICIPAL TAX ($000)		GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES ($000)		PROVINCIAL MUNICIPAL TAX SHARING ($000)		SCHOOL TAX ($000)		TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED
1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
41,557.4	42,124.0	95,980.1	96,528.4	9,098.4	9,469.8	6,561.7	7,154.2	126,789.0	138,563.4	116 RMs
1,519.7	1,363.9	673.8	685.2	1,995.2	1,997.6	172.5	202.6	919.3	832.7	2 LGDs
1,790.8	1,889.5	5,841.0	5,977.4	480.2	476.2	631.1	686.2	4,130.8	4,287.0	26 Villages
21,088.1	28,166.1	38,888.4	40,466.8	7,752.0	7,054.6	8,142.9	9,456.8	31,854.4	34,070.1	49 Towns
26,298.9	24,480.5	46,293.4	47,033.9	20,862.7	20,593.6	10,387.6	11,839.6	40,390.1	43,132.1	7 Cities
231,073.0	238,005.2	433,160.0	434,200.0	61,908.4	62,853.3	36,990.0	44,517.0	328,860.6	340,437.8	1 Winnipeg
323,327.9	336,029.2	620,836.7	624,891.7	102,096.9	102,445.1	62,885.8	73,856.4	532,944.2	561,323.1	201 Total
% CHANGE	3.93%		0.64%		0.34%		17.45%		5.32%	

Licenses, permits, fines, sales of goods, rent, return on investments.

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

Municipal Expenditures for 1999 with comparative figures for 1998 were as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ($000)		PROTECTION ($000)		TRANSPORTATION ($000)		RECREATION ($000)		DEBT CHARGES ($000)		OTHER* ($000)		EDUCATION ($000)		TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED
1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
28,033.7	28,002.5	13,793.9	12,180.7	59,921.0	61,149.2	4,881.6	5,466.5	2,480.8	3,126.3	41,058.5	46,269.1	132,212.9	140,860.5	116 RMs
439.1	439.0	186.7	175.8	1,331.3	1,493.7	418.4	441.7	-	-	934.2	1,241.5	1,984.0	1,931.6	2 LGDs
2,320.4	2,308.2	842.0	951.9	2,049.0	2,040.3	416.7	545.9	208.6	231.0	2,765.9	2,900.6	4,332.1	4,489.3	26 Villages
13,189.1	13,632.9	10,701.5	11,452.4	15,076.6	15,976.0	8,268.4	8,589.7	3,216.7	3,924.5	22,742.7	28,122.4	34,524.4	36,533.5	49 Towns
13,154.1	13,300.1	22,928.2	23,381.6	16,759.1	16,448.9	11,951.2	12,365.2	4,892.0	4,401.6	27,567.2	29,943.5	48,492.2	51,544.1	7 Cities
87,643.0	86,397.0	185,126.0	183,177.0	225,436.0	227,480.0	86,241.0	83,301.0	15,769.0	15,929.0	134,245.0	153,494.2	356,771.0	368,983.1	1 Winnipeg
144,779.4	144,079.7	233,577.3	231,319.4	320,573.0	324,588.1	112,155.3	110,710.0	26,567.1	27,612.4	229,313.5	262,971.3	578,316.6	604,342.1	201 Total
% CHANGE	(0.48%)		(0.97%)		1.25%		(1.29%)		4.72%		14.68%		4.50%	

**** Public Health, Social Welfare, Environmental Planning, Economic Development***

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RESERVE FUNDS

The total funded reserves held by all municipalities including the City of Winnipeg amounted to $524,170.5 at December 31, 1999. This amount represents an increase of $66,010.7 over the amount held in reserve funds at the end of 1998.

GENERAL ($000)		MACHINERY REPLACEMENT ($000)		UTILITY REPLACEMENT ($000)		OTHER REPLACEMENT* ($000)		OTHER ** ($000)		TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED
1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
18,512.6	19,295.9	14,560.9	15,508.9	1,726.7	2,351.8	766.7	2,167.6	23,853.5	25,008.0	116 RMs
1,113.0	928.5	147.7	234.4	-	-	-	-	159.5	191.9	2 LGDs
1,577.6	1,814.2	525.7	607.0	576.5	631.5	-	-	1,499.3	1,540.7	26 Villages
9,756.9	10,287.9	3,574.4	3,760.0	5,547.0	5,162.5	166.6	187.6	13,234.2	14,762.6	49 Towns
8,241.2	8,149.0	4,170.1	4,269.9	6,287.6	7,482.5	-	-	19,423.0	20,008.9	7 Cities
184,292.0	201,265.0	19,710.0	24,139.0	-	-	5,016.0	1,382.0	113,720.9	153,033.2	1 Winnipeg
223,493.3	241,740.5	42,688.8	48,519.2	14,137.8	15,628.3	5,949.3	3,737.2	171,890.4	214,545.3	201 Total

* ***Other Replacement: Building repair, office, bridges, fire equipment***

** ***Other: investments, capital works, park and recreation facilities, highway and sidewalk improvements and construction, drainage and flood protection, administration buildings, firehalls, garage, cemetery, airport, hospital deficit, ambulance, centennial celebrations.***

Capital Borrowing

A comparison of 1999 with 1998 authorized borrowing is summarized, as follows:

Authorized Borrowing	1998 $000's	1999 $000's	Increase/ (Decrease)
Number of Applications	80	86	7.5%
Amount of Borrowing Authorized	35,684.0	31,336.0	(12.2%)
Amount of Debentures Issued	16,281.0	11,596.0	(28.78%)

City of Winnipeg borrowing, which is not subject to Board approval, is not included in the above figures.

The manner of marketing the municipal debentures issued in 1999 as compared to 1998 is set out, as follows:

Debenture Marketing	1998 $000's	1999 $000's
Local Municipal Sales:		
- Credit Unions	1,053.0	1,467.0
- Public	166.0	-
Municipal Reserve Funds	1,436.0	1,852.0
Minister of Finance	13,626.0	8,277.0
TOTAL	16,281.0	11,596.0

The following represents a 1999 to 1998 comparison of the average interest rate, weighted according to amount of principal involved, for each class of purchaser:

Purchaser	1998 %	1999 %
Local Municipal Sales:		
- Credit Unions	6.49	6.31
- Public	5.35	-
Municipal Reserve Funds	6.12	6.59
Minister of Finance	6.52	6.64
TOTAL	6.12	6.51

Tax Imposition - Tax Collection

Municipal tax imposition and collection indicate the ability and/or willingness of Manitoba's property taxpayers to meet municipal levies promptly and municipal efficiency in collecting taxes. Data collected shows a slight increase in tax collections to 103.37% as compared to 103.36% in 1998.

Increase in Tax Imposition

	TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED	1997 OVER 1996 %	1998 OVER 1997 %	1999 OVER 1998 $	1999 OVER 1998 %
RMs	116	5.41	8.65	13,570,789	5.88
LGDs	2	(1.23)	(5.14)	(75,258)	(4.68)
Villages	26	3.97	8.27	282,508	2.75
Towns	49	3.53	4.54	3,518,145	4.78
Cities (including Winnipeg)	8	2.77	1.15	5,335,540	0.62
Municipalities	201	3.31	2.80	22,631,724	1.93

Increase in Tax Collection

	TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED	1997 OVER 1996 %	1998 OVER 1997 %	1999 OVER 1998 $	1999 OVER 1998 %
RMs	116	6.11	7.78	13,903,297	6.05
LGDs	2	10.78	(13.09)	47,387	3.03
Villages	26	6.43	5.49	299,770	2.92
Towns	49	7.17	1.57	4,225,402	5.78
Cities (including Winnipeg)	8	6.54	1.96	4,936,721	0.55
Municipalities	201	6.51	3.00	23,412,577	1.93

Data Processing

Water Billings

Computerized water billings were prepared for 15 towns, villages, and rural municipalities.

Tax Assistance Programs

Applications for Resident Homeowner Tax Assistance were processed by the Branch for all Manitoba municipalities, including the City of Winnipeg and unorganized communities in Northern Manitoba.

In 1999, 264,357 Resident Homeowners Tax Credits were data processed while another 2,008 were prepared manually. Funds in excess of $65.7M were paid to municipalities by the Department of Finance.

4(c) (1 & 2) Local Government Support Services

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	817.6	15.80	922.3	(104.7)	
Total Other Expenditures	319.1	0.00	267.1	52.0	
TOTAL	1,136.7	15.80	1,189.4	(52.7)	

Municipal Grants and Payments

The Branch is responsible for the administration of the following municipal grants and payments:

- Transit Grants
- Municipal Support Grants
- Provincial Municipal Tax Sharing Payments
- Grants in Lieu of Taxes

Following is a brief outline and summary of the Province's commitment in these areas.

Transit Grants

Transit Grants are paid to urban centres, other than the City of Winnipeg, who operate a public transportation system, and are unconditional based on approved funding.

The Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program assists communities that have taken the initiative in providing transportation services for the mobility disadvantaged in rural Manitoba. The Department provides eligible municipalities with a one-time start-up grant ($6,000) and capital grants based on 50% of the cost of an approved capital asset ($10,000 maximum). Operating grants are based on 37 1/2% of gross operating expenses ($20,000 maximum; $30,000 for two vehicles). In 1999/20000 funding was provided to 60 communities.

	TRANSIT GRANTS PAID	
CLIENTS SERVED	**1998/99 ($)**	**1999/2000 ($)**
City of Brandon	677,800	677,800
City of Flin Flon*	49,000	49,000
City of Thompson*	125,800	125,800
Mobility Disadvantaged	605,518	631,533
	1,458,118	1,484,133

Flin Flon and Thompson leased transit vehicles from private carriers.

4(c)(3) Transit Grants

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Grants	1,484.1	0.00	1,562.6	(78.5)	

Municipal Support Grants

The Municipal Support Grant provides financial assistance to offset municipalities' actual payroll tax costs. The grant is distributed to all eligible municipalities based on prior years' actual payroll. Municipalities with actual payroll costs less than $2.0M received a grant of 4.5% of payroll costs less $1.0M exemption. Municipalities with actual payroll costs greater than $2.0M received a grant of 2.25% of payroll costs.

	MUNICIPAL SUPPORT GRANTS	
CLIENTS SERVED	1998/99 ($)	1999/2000 ($)
RMs	46,569	9,303
Villages	0	0
Towns	166,136	116,442
LGDs	0	0
Cities	880,040	879,139
	1,092,745	1,004,884

4(c)(4) Municipal Support Grants

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Grants	1,004.9	0.00	973.4	31.5	

Recoverable From Rural Economic Development Initiatives

This program provides for the recovery of capital expenditures related to the Mobility Disadvantaged Transit program from the Rural Economic Development Initiatives Program. This provides the funding necessary for expansion of this program in order to meet the requirements of rural Manitoba and facilitate sustainable development.

4(c)(5) Recoverable From Rural Economic Development Initiatives

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Recoverable	0.0	0.00	(75.0)	75.0	

Provincial Municipal Tax Sharing Payments

The Provincial Municipal Tax Sharing Act provides for the allocation of tax revenue realized by the government under *The Income Tax Act* (Manitoba), which further provides that 2.2 points of the percentage of personal tax payable under *The Federal Act* shall be distributed for municipal purposes, in addition to an amount of 1% of the taxable income of corporations earned in Manitoba. In 1999/2000, application of the population/funding ratio used in 1993, resulted in the City of Winnipeg receiving approximately 57.58% of total program funding or $40,753,653. All other municipalities collected a basic per capita payment. Provincial Cost Communities, rural in nature and not responsible for providing their own policing services receive a per capita payment of $28.38. Municipal Cost Communities, urban in nature and responsible for providing their own policing services receive a per capita payment of $113.54. Although these payments are administered by Branch staff, they are not reflected in the estimates of the Department.

	TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED	TOTAL PROVINCIAL MUNICIPAL TAX SHARING PAYMENTS	
		1998/99 ($)	1999/2000 ($)
RMs	116	7,200,013	7,189,861
Villages	26	695,278	697,934
Towns	49	8,966,425	8,981,684
LGDs	2	190,086	189,974
Cities (including Winnipeg)	8	52,095,089	52,088,397
Northern Affairs	0	1,624,409	1,623,450
	201	70,771,300	70,771,300

Grant in Lieu of Taxes

Provincial properties are not subject to municipal taxation, however, grant in lieu of taxes are paid to municipal corporations in recognition of services received. Provincial grants are equal to the school and municipal taxes on provincial properties. Some properties, such as unpatented land, public highways, provincial waterways and land in provincial parks, are exempt.

	GRANTS IN LIEU PAID	
	1998/99($)	1999/2000($)
RMs	1,475,767	1,551,148
Villages	32,413	31,150
Towns	907,149	926,701
LGDs	13,574	12,697
Cities	10,479,358	10,470,422
Northern Affairs	118,066	126,877
Agricultural Refunds	(16,317)	(7,325)
Municipalities and Northern Communities	13,010,010	13,111,670

4(d) Grants in Lieu of Taxes

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Grants	13,111.7	0.00	13,529.5	(417.8)	
Recoverable	(13,375.8)	0.00	(13,375.9)	.1	
TOTAL	(264.1)	0.00	153.6	(417.7)	

Information Systems

The main goal of the Information Systems Branch is to provide a complete data processing service, including systems analysis, development, implementation and maintenance to other branches within the Department. In addition, the Branch makes data processing services and information available to municipalities and, in some instances, to other departments of government, other governments and individual businesses at a cost.

Principal activities in 1999/2000 included:

- Producing property assessment rolls, assessment notices, tax collection rolls, tax statements, and budget support reports for 202 municipal corporations and communities under Northern Affairs jurisdiction.
- As part of the property tax billing service, maintaining and updating owner-occupied, single-family dwelling units eligible for Resident Homeowners Tax Assistance.
- In response to municipal requests, implementing improved tax statements and reports for all municipalities.
- Providing the data processing services required to support the water billing program for 15 municipalities.
- Committing resources to the development and maintenance of small personal computer systems used for reporting and evaluation purposes.
- Ensured all Intergovernmental Affairs systems were year 2000 ready.
- Began development of a system to move update processing from the mainframe to a PC based environment.

4(e) Information Systems

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	739.7	15.30	801.5	(61.8)	
Total Other Expenditures	1,477.8	0.00	1,518.2	(40.4)	
Less: Recoverable from Education & Training	(424.2)	0.00	(424.2)	0.0	
TOTAL	1,793.3	15.30	1,895.5	(102.2)	

Rural Economic Development Division

Executive Administration

The office of the Assistant Deputy Minister coordinates program delivery within the Division. Policy advice and direction is provided to staff of the Division to carry out programs and services in the areas of community development, conservation, economic development and financial assistance. The Assistant Deputy Minister's office provides the Deputy Minister, the Minister and the Executive level of government with information and advice regarding community and economic development matters and business development initiatives.

5(a) Executive Administration

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	120.1	1.50	122.6	(2.5)	
Total Other Expenditures	30.6	0.00	32.6	(2.0)	
TOTAL	150.7	1.50	155.2	(4.5)	

Infrastructure Services (The Manitoba Water Services Board)

The Manitoba Water Services Board (Board) was established under the authority of *The Manitoba Water Services Board Act* in 1972. Its basic objectives are to provide cities, municipalities, towns, villages, and individual farmers, with technical and financial support in developing and/or upgrading water and/or sewer infrastructure.

At present, Board activities are directed by a five-person Board chaired by the Deputy Minister of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. The Board, which prepares an Annual Report each fiscal year as a statutory requirement, reports to the Legislature through the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Day to day activities are conducted by staff in the head office in Brandon and also by field staff located in Beausejour, Carberry, Dauphin, Hamiota and Stephenfield. The Board is also responsible for the Conservation Districts (C.D.) Program and has an office in Gladstone to manage the Program.

The specific objectives of the Board are identified in the Legislation and met through the grant programs described below and in the section for Expenditures Relating to Capital. These grant programs briefly are: Water Development Program to assist rural residents and urban communities; Sewer and Water Program to assist urban communities; and the C.D. Program to provide sustainable Soil and Water Management Programs in 11 C.D.'s.

5(b) Infrastructure Services

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	1,486.0	30.00	1,565.0	(79.0)	
Total Other Expenditures	369.1	0.00	459.3	(90.2)	
TOTAL	1,855.1	30.00	2,024.3	(169.2)	

Community Economic Development Services

Community Economic Development Services provides regionally-based professional services in the areas of community planning and development. Located in nine regional centres in rural Manitoba and supported by a Winnipeg office, the Branch delivers the Department's community land use planning and sustainable development initiatives to local governments, northern communities and the public.

Planning Advisory Services

In 1999/2000, Community Economic Development Services undertook the following:

- Promoted community land use planning, livestock stewardship and sustainable development practices.
- Provided advisory support and assistance to local governments on land use planning and development processes and by-laws and in the preparation and adoption of local land use policies and zoning to ensure the development of communities, land, infrastructure and resources takes place in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner.
- Provided advice and assistance to provincial agencies and local governments in the implementation of sustainable development principles and objectives throughout the planning and development process.
- Facilitated strategic community planning strategies by community leaders, organizations and stakeholder interest groups to develop partnerships and community self-help initiatives toward socio-economic and physical improvements.
- Assisted local governments upon request to advise and mediate inter-municipal planning, development and boundary issues.
- Participated as planning advisors on a number of interdepartmental committees including the Crown Land Classification Committee and Bloc Planning Committees and Regional Livestock Review Committees.

Development Review and Approval

- Expedited planning proposals and development applications through the development review and approval process consistent with provincial land use and sustainable development policies.
- Approved applications for subdivision as a delegated subdivision Approving Authority.
- Appeared before planning appeal tribunals to provide planning testimony at the request of local government.

Special Initiatives

- Co-ordinated intergovernmental and interdepartmental implementation of the Manitoba-Nunavut Memorandum of Understanding for Co-operation and Development including sector initiatives in the areas of Transportation, Energy, Health, Education, Cultural Development, Arts and Crafts, Value-Added Processing, Resource Development, Regional and Community Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Commerce.
- Undertook delivery of the Livestock Stewardship Initiative in conjunction with Manitoba Agriculture & Food and Manitoba Conservation.
- Participated in the delivery of community revitalization and renewal initiatives.

Community Choices: Round Table Program

The program supports the formation of Community Round Tables which are comprised of representatives from Councils and local organizations who plan and integrate social, environmental and economic matters. Each Round Table prepares a community vision statement and development strategy representing the people and priorities of the community.

Through Community Round Tables, communities can develop a vision of where they want to be in the future. Local goals and priorities can lead to a variety of programs within the context of sustainability,

local control, consensus, local support, and transfer of skills and information. Communities identify social, economic and environmental opportunities and address local concerns from an integrated standpoint.

To the end of March 31, 2000, there were over 175 municipalities in Manitoba participating on 100 Community Round Tables. In addition, two Regional Round Tables (RRT) were established: the South Indian Lake/Leaf Rapids/Lynn Lake RRT, and the Boissevain/Deloraine/Killarney/Souris RRT. Community Round Tables are assisted by matching provincial and municipal grants of up to $2,000 each, depending on population. An additional non-matching grant of $500 is available from the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs for Round Tables which include more than one municipality. Since its inception, grants totalling $295,000 have assisted rural communities to develop the local capacity to self-direct their own future. To date, 80 Community Round Tables have developed vision statements and are actively implementing their action plans. Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs has been able to assist Round Table Communities with their action plans through the establiishment of Community Development Corporations participating in the Community Works Loan Program and a variety of other REDI Programs, the Grow Bonds, and various other provincial and youth employment programs.

Following is a summary of the 1999/2000 Round Table activity and grants:

	To March 31, 1999	1999/2000	Total
Total Number of Round Tables	97	3	100
Total Number of Participating Municipalities	173	3	176
Total Grant Allocation	$290.0	$4.5	$294.5

Northern Community Development Initiative (NCDI)

The Department's community development efforts in northern Manitoba have been enhanced under the Northern Community Development Initiative. This special initiative for the north uses a project team approach in support of Community Round Tables to focus community and economic development objectives and opportunities into Community Visions and Action Plans. This team approach is being used in The Pas, Pelican Rapids and Cormorant, Gillam, Snow Lake, Island Lake, South Indian Lake, Wabowden, Lynn Lake, Birch River, Camperville and Leaf Rapids. Pikwitonei formed a new Round Table in 1999/2000. In addition, the second major workshop for northern community and economic development was successfully hosted at Rural Forum 99, involving northern communities, First Nations and Nunavut delegates. The Province's first Regional Round Table was formed with South Indian Lake, Leaf Rapids and Lynn Lake as an NCDI initiative with participation of Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs and the Federal government.

Regional Economic Development Grants

Grants assist Manitoba's Regional Development Corporations to foster economic development in Manitoba's regions and to assist local economic initiatives by individuals, groups and communities to retain, expand or create business. There are eight Regional Development Corporations (RDCs) in rural Manitoba. Membership is on a voluntary basis for municipal governments, businesses and other interested groups.

Grants, which help support the operating costs of Regional Development Corporations, are based on a 75/25 provincial/municipal cost-sharing formula.

Regional Economic Development Grants	1998/99 ($)	1999/2000($)
Eastman Regional Development Inc.	67,937	67,937
Pembina Valley Development Corp.	73,368	73,368
Central Plains Inc.	77,442	77,442
Interlake Development Corp. Inc.	69,294	69,294
Norman Regional Development Inc.	84,240	84,240
East Parkland Economic Development	44,500	44,500
Parkland West Economic Development	44,500	44,500
Westman Economic Development Association Inc.	83,705	83,705
TOTAL	544,986	544,986

Planning Advisory Services

The Branch assisted local government in undertaking local planning responsibilities, making well-informed decisions, and establishing policies to ensure the use and development of land, infrastructure and resources in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner.

Community Economic Development Services contributed to the overall community development process which has provided a foundation for sustainable development through the local review and approval of development opportunities and the effective utilization of area land and natural resources. Branch staff have also coordinated and participated on interdisciplinary project committees at the development feasibility stage, identification of development site alternatives, infrastructure servicing projects, housing, commercial/industrial and recreational development site planning and design projects. Staff continue to support regional technical review team analysis of intensive livestock operation proposals.

Support was provided to local government through planning advisory service to Planning District Boards and member municipal councils on an ongoing basis, to individual municipalities on a project basis, and to remote communities under Northern Affairs.

Professional Planning Service is Provided to:	
Planning District	32
Municipalities in Planning Districts	96
Municipalities and Local Government Districts	201
Northern and Remote Communities (DNA)	51
Community Round Tables	100
Conservation Districts	11

Under Manitoba's *Planning Act,* 162 municipalities or 81% of incorporated municipalities are involved in local planning either on their own or within 32 Planning Districts in rural Manitoba. Five Planning Districts have elected to take on the Approving Authority function for subdivisions from the Minister. The legislation also provides a land use planning framework at the provincial level based on Provincial Land Use Policies, the Interdepartmental Planning Board and the Provincial Land Use Committee of Cabinet.

Professional planning service in reviewing and processing applications to subdivide land was provided to all municipal councils and Planning District Boards in the Province, as well as planning coordination at the provincial level. In 1999/2000, field office staff reviewed 777 new applications to subdivide.

The Branch also assisted municipalities by informing and educating councils and municipal officials on land use planning programs.

Special projects were prepared by Branch staff at the request of and under the direction of Planning District Boards and municipal councils. These included development plans and amendments; zoning by-laws and amendments; subdivision design/development; commercial/industrial studies; recreation studies; municipal boundary reviews and alterations; road opening and closing by-laws; seniors housing projects; review of proposals for intensive livestock operations and general land use and infrastructure studies.

Professional land use planning advice is provided to other government departments and agencies at their request. Representation on inter/intragovernmental committees ensures that the best possible advice on land use planning issues is extended to local governments.

Planning Activity By Regional Office (1999/2000)

Regional Office	Development Plans & Amendments	Zoning By-Laws & Amendments	Road Opening & Closing By-Laws	Sub-Divisions	Planning Maps		Assessment Map Updates
					New	Updates	
Beausejour	7	30	15	98	87	77	3
Brandon	11	20	12	95	50	75	2
Dauphin	7	10	4	80	19	20	8
Deloraine	0	6	1	19	10	12	0
Interlake	8	16	6	118	21	67	53
Morden	7	13	6	112	10	55	30
Portage	6	7	2	94	27	33	0
Steinbach	10	15	9	148	0	14	0
Thompson	7	12	3	13	0	0	0
TOTALS	63	129	58	777	224	353	96

Livestock Stewardship Initiative

To ensure the expansion of the livestock industry is sustainable in order to protect the environment and derive maximum socio-economic benefits to Manitoba communities and provincial economy, the Branch undertook the following in 1999/2000:

- Promoted Planning Districts /Municipalities to address livestock development - A planning workshop on "Planning to Meet the Livestock Challenge" was conducted at the February, 2000 Planning District Conference attended by 160 Manitoba delegates. Staff is also actively promoting planning district formations to municipalities that are currently not undertaking local land use planning.

- Provided Provincial Assistance to Municipalities & Planning Districts to plan – The target is 100% local planning coverage for all 201 municipalities in Manitoba by December 31, 2001. Currently, there are 98 local planning authorities representing 81% of municipalities in Manitoba. This includes 32 Planning Districts and 66 municipalities with local planning by-laws.

  The Province has encouraged municipalities to form Planning Districts by actively promoting community and land use planning, providing organizational assistance to meet with neighbouring municipalities and apply for planning district formation. The Province is also providing template development plan and zoning by-laws and offering provincial cost-sharing for the preparation of local planning by-laws.

  Three new planning districts were formed in 1999/2000 involving 14 municipalities. Active planning discussions are underway with 37 other municipalities to establish local land use planning programs. To March 31, 2000, one new planning district (Lakeshore) and two other Planning Districts were in the formal process of formation. The proposed districts encompass a total of 17 municipalities in Western Manitoba. Three other potential planning districts were in preliminary discussion.

  It is expected that by the end of 2001/01, 93% of municipalities will be actively engaged in a local or district planning program. The remaining 7% or 14 municipalities are being actively targeted to commence land use planning.

Manitoba-Nunavut Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation and Development (MOU)

- Under direction of the Community Economic Development Services Branch, Manitoba has developed a positive and mutually beneficial relationship with the Territory of Nunavut, culminating with the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation and Development (MOU), signed in February, 2000.

- Manitoba undertook a number of initiatives in 1999/2000 to develop cooperative and mutually beneficial opportunities within the framework of the MOU in the areas of trade, transportation, energy, mining, health, cultural development, arts and crafts, value-added processing, resource development, regional and community development, and education and training.

- Bilateral exchanges in 1999/2000 included:

  - Nunavut delegation to the Aboriginal Business Showcase, Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 1999);
  - Nunavut delegation to the Manitoba Mining Symposium, Winnipeg, Manitoba (November 1999);
  - Northern Manitoba/Kivalliq Region Mayors Meeting, Winnipeg, Manitoba (November 1999);
  - Kivalliq Senior Administrative Officer Workshop, Winnipeg, Manitoba (November 1999);
  - Manitoba Premier's delegation to Rankin Inlet to sign the MOU and undertake sector

discussions (February, 2000);
- Manitoba delegation to the Nunavut Trade Show, Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 2000);
- Fifty member Nunavut delegation to Rural Forum 2000, Brandon, Manitoba (April 2000).

- Other major initiatives undertaken in 1999/2000 include:

  - Extension of the contract for Manitoba's Business Liaison Officer to February 28, 2002 to promote and facilitate enhanced business and trade between Manitoba and Nunavut with an office in Rankin Inlet;
  - Completion of the Manitoba-Nunavut Energy Feasibility Study in cooperation with Manitoba Hydro and the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to examine the feasibility of low-voltage DC transmission from Churchill to the Kivalliq region; current power delivery, possible cooperative construction operation and maintenance opportunities; energy savings; education and training; mine development and other trade opportunities;
  - Development and implementation of a MOU between Manitoba Hydro and NWT Power Corporation for joint projects, training and cooperation;
  - Completion of the Manitoba-Nunavut Transportation Study to assess opportunities to provide Manitoba-based re-supply to the Kivalliq region as well as enhanced transportation services and trade linkages between Nunavut and Manitoba;
  - Completion of a Transportation MOU: Winnipeg Airport Authority-Churchill-Rankin Inlet, featuring all three communities as hubs for streamlined air service;
  - Consultations on the foregoing Study results in Manitoba and Nunavut;
  - Tourism marketing of the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Baffin Region in "Top Of The World 2000 " by the Great Canadian Travel Company, Winnipeg, Manitoba;
  - Cooperative Nunavut tourism display at the Winnipeg International Airport;
  - Development and marketing of a Commemorative Birth Record and companion Certificate for residents of Nunavut and Northwest Territories born in Manitoba.

Service Delivery Improvements

In 1999/2000, the Branch undertook a number of alternative service delivery initiatives to enhance program effectiveness. This included the initiation of joint programming and integrated service delivery activities amongst such partnering provincial departments as Industry, Trade and Mines and Agriculture and Food, Highways and Conservation (land use and resource management and development).

The branch has also fully transitioned its regional office network into the desktop environment and is using new computer assisted drafting (CAD) technology to enhance mapping and drafting services to clients and government. There will be further benefits and economies achieved as staff become more familiar with system improvements.

5(c) Community Economic Development Services

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	2,845.3	55.00	2,955.6	(110.3)	
Total Other Expenditures	770.4	0.00	766.1	4.3	
Grants to Regional Development Corporations	545.0	0.00	545.0	0.0	
TOTAL	4,160.7	55.00	4,266.7	(106.0)	

Food Development Centre

The mission of the Food Development Centre is to facilitate the creation or expansion of agri-food businesses to generate wealth for Manitoba and Manitobans.

The Food Development Centre is a Special Operating Agency and prepares a separate Annual Report each fiscal year.

As part of the government re-organization in the fall of 2000, the Food Development Centre was transferred to the Department of Agriculture & Food.

Rural Economic Programs

Grow Bonds Program

Grow Bonds allow people in rural communities to participate directly in strengthening their local economies and in creating job opportunities for young people. Grow Bonds bring together local investors and local entrepreneurs in such initiatives as: manufacturing, processing, tourism, commercial water/gas distribution, exporting and the provision of goods or services for the protection of the environment.

Under provisions of *The Rural Development Bonds Act*, communities plan and manage bond offerings to raise capital which is used to finance eligible new business opportunities and expansions. Activities are managed through local Bond Corporations which market the bond issues, make project investments in new or expanding local businesses and keep investors informed about its activities. Only Manitoba residents and corporations are eligible to purchase Grow Bonds, and bondholders have voting rights in the Bond Corporations, giving them a say in its operation. The Government of Manitoba guarantees the bond principal.

A total of 25 Grow Bond projects have been approved since the Program's inception to the end of fiscal year 2000.

The total approved bond issues for the 25 Grow Bond projects stood at $13,410.6 at the end of the 1999/2000 fiscal year.

6(a) Grow Bonds

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	347.9	8.00	471.1	(123.2)	
Total Other Expenditures	467.9	0.00	623.7	(155.8)	
TOTAL	815.8	8.00	1,094.8	(279.0)	

Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI)

The REDI Program, announced in April 1992, reinvests video lottery terminal (VLT) revenue back into rural Manitoba to promote rural economic development and diversification. It is designed to boost the economy while laying the foundation for sustained growth and development in rural communities. The program focuses on developments that bring long-term economic benefits to rural communities.

Under REDI, nine different programs are offered to urban and rural municipalities outside of Winnipeg. Funds available through the REDI program are to be used to develop economically viable projects that are identified as priorities in a community's economic development plan and that will bring new or enhanced economic activity through investments and job creation.

REDI PROJECTS	Total
Eligible project proposals received (including REA)	819
Projects approved for funding (including REA)	618
Projects under active review	29
Projects/applications not approved for REDI funding	77
Projects/applications withdrawn by the applicant	95

The Rural Economic Development Initiative Program (REDI) has approved funding of $103.4 million since its inception for rural economic development projects. Since 1992, the REDI Program has created over 3,200 new permanent jobs and 6,300 youth employment opportunities throughout rural Manitoba.

6(b) Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI)

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	376.7	8.00	490.9	(114.2)	
Total Other Expenditures	128.1	0.00	144.1	(16.0)	
Total Programs – Operating and Capital	12,374.0	0.00	13,270.2	(896.2)	
TOTAL	12,878.8	8.00	13,905.2	(1,026.4)	

Programs and a sampling of project approvals announced under REDI for 1999/2000 included:

Feasibility Studies Program

Assists rural business to access reliable research and planning for potential new or expanding business projects. REDI can provide up to 50% cost-shared funding to hire an independent consultant for a financial, marketing or engineering analysis and/or development of a business plan.

Representative projects funded in 1999/2000 included: Brooks Industries Ltd. (Crystal City), D.D. Leobard Cellars (Beausejour), E & M Automotion Inc. (Notre Dame de Lourdes), Frontier Aircraft Inc. (Brandon), Frontier Woodworks (West St. Paul), Hi-Tec Industries Inc. (Portage la Prairie), Town of Lynn Lake, Welders Supplies Limited (Thompson), Wilkraft Cabinets Ltd. (Hamiota), Wolf Products Ltd. (Clandeboye) and support to several rural companies to obtain ISO certification.

Development Support Program

This program was wound down in 1996/97 and no new project commitments are being made. In 1999/2000, continued funding was provided to The Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre at Carberry under this program.

Rural Entrepreneur Assistance Program (REA)

Assists full-time, small and home-based businesses in rural Manitoba by providing loan guarantees for new business starts or expansions through participating financial institutions. Besides providing guarantees of business loans ranging from $10,000 to $100,000, REA also provides business seminars and mentorship service to successful applicants.

In its seventh year of delivery (1999/2000), 38 new business loans were approved totalling $1,749,961 of which 80% or $1,399,969 was guaranteed under REA. New business starts and expansions in 1999/2000 resulted in 98 full-time equivalent jobs and new capital investment (loans and equity) of over $3.4 million in rural Manitoba.

Some new business startups and expansions funded included: Wiseguys Video (Brandon), M.O.S.S. Concrete (Grunthal), Performance Power Coatings (Gimli), Big D Storage Ltd. (Steinbach), Sun Valley Seeds (Winkler), Ritz Machine Works (Dauphin), Portage Food Products (Portage la Prairie).

Green Team Program

Provides summer employment from June to September for youth 16 to 24 years of age in rural Manitoba. The program also achieves key objectives including park infrastructure and mechanical maintenance, interpretive services, tourism promotion in Provincial parks and other visitor-oriented natural areas, special projects, grounds improvement and back country cleanup on recreational routes and rural Dutch Elm disease tree replacement. The program also has a local HOMETOWN component that hires youth to improve local community park facilities and support local eco-tourism and conservation activities.

This program enabled 359 youths to work in Provincial Parks across the province. The HOMETOWN component provided 340 youth employment opportunities in 125 rural Manitoba communities. Manitoba Natural Resources administered the Program.

Representative HOMETOWN projects funded included: Norway House Community Council, Asessippi Ski Area and Winter Park, Grunthal Community Center, Kleefeld Recreation Association Inc., Portage Industrial Exhibition Association, Nopiming Lodge, L.G.D. of Mystery Lake, Brokenhead River Recreation District Commission, Alonsa Conservation District, Eastman Recycling Services.

Partners With Youth Program

REDI assists with funding the rural component of this program that is administered by Manitoba Education & Training. Manitoba businesses, institutions, and community non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Partners With Youth provides a wage incentive for up to 26 weeks for employers who are able to generate entry level career positions for unemployed youth and recent graduates. Approved employers receive a wage incentive of $3.00/hour for the first 12 weeks of full-time employment, and may receive additional funding for up to 14 weeks at the rate of $2.00/hour.

This program enabled participating communities to provide 55 youth with valuable work experience with 36 employees across rural Manitoba in 1999/2000. There were four positions in the Parkland Region, three in the Central Plains and Pembina Valley Region, five in the Eastman Region, 18 in the Westman Region, 10 in the Interlake Region and 15 in the Northern Region.

The **Young Entrepreneurs** component of Partners With Youth provides a matching grant of $2,000.00 to $4,000.00 to encourage Manitoba's unemployed youth ages 18-29 to start their own year-round businesses. Applicants are required to submit a comprehensive business plan with their application to the program. Approved applicants are required to work at their business on a full-time basis.

During 1999/2000, 22 rural businesses received support from this program.

Infrastructure Development Program

Assists communities to improve sewer, water and energy services, transportation access, waste disposal facilities and telecommunications specifically designed to service new or expanding businesses. Economic development organizations and local government authorities can apply for assistance. Eligible projects will be funded on a 50/50 matching basis for on-site project costs to a maximum of $100,000 or $500,000 if the infrastructure improvement provides a regional service. Infrastructure services must be publicly-owned and maintained.

Infrastructure projects approved in 1999/2000 included among others: sewer and water connections and road access to La Broquerie rue de l'Hotel and La Broquerie Transfer facilities, installation of water and sewer for the establishment of a new 48-unit motel in Morden, infrastructure improvements to allow for the establishment of a trucking repair and sales centre and company expansion in Niverville, municipal infrastructure improvements regarding construction of a new Canada Safeway facility in Selkirk, road improvements to the UGG grain terminal and warehouse site at Shoal Lake.

Community Works Loan Program

The Community Works Loan Program operates on a pool of funds contributed to a Community Development Corporation (CDC) by municipal councils, local groups or individuals and REDI. The CDC uses these funds to establish a revolving capital pool from which it provides loans, to a maximum of $10,000, to new or expanding local businesses. To participate in the program, the local CDC must raise between $10,000 and $25,000.

These funds are matched by a REDI loan on a two-to-one basis, to a maximum REDI contribution of $50,000. The REDI loan is interest-free and is repayable to the provincial government after five years. Once the CDC successfully places its initial capital pool, REDI will match a second pool of $50,000 on a one-to-one basis. Larger communities can receive additional funding in $50,000 increments, based upon their size.

In 1999/2000, 57 Community Development Corporations were enrolled in the program, representing 100 rural communities. Provincial contributions totalling $2.4 million were matched by $1.3 million in local contributions which together formed a total combined Community Works Loan Program loan pool of $3.7 million. From this pool of funds, the participating CDCs made 251 business loans totalling nearly $1.9 million which resulted in the creation of 408 new jobs while maintaining 207 positions in rural Manitoba.

Rural Junior Achievement Program

Junior Achievement's goal is to inspire and educate young Canadians to understand business and economics, and develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills. In partnership with the Rural Economic Development Initiative, the Rural Junior Achievement Program was created in 1993. The terms of the partnership provided funding over this period in the amount of $900,000 with each participating school being allowed two Junior Achievement Programs per year over this time span. The first two years of delivery was funded 100% by REDI, decreasing to 25% in the fifth year. Participating schools provide corresponding increased funding in years three to five, thereby becoming fully self-sufficient in the remaining years.

Since 1993, 30,000 students have participated in Junior Achievement through a total of 858 programs delivered in more than 185 schools in over 168 communities. This activity represents a total of 21,500 volunteer hours that encompasses 44% of rural and northern Manitoba schools.

Junior Achievement has launched its Northern/Aboriginal Pilot Project bringing practical hands-on business training to northern and aboriginal youth. The outcome of this education program will be secondary school graduates possessing the necessary knowledge and skills to develop sound economic initiatives that will benefit their communities. The program is currently being implemented in schools across the Frontier School Division including the communities of Brochet, Gillam, Cranberry Portage, Norway House, Grand Rapids, Wanipigow, Cross Lake, Churchill, and South Indian Lake. Keen interest has been manifested by various levels of government and the private sector, to see this unique Junior Achievement Program expanded to northern/aboriginal communities throughout Canada.

Strategic Initiatives

Assists in funding projects which are of strategic importance in strengthening the foundation for increased economic development and diversification of the rural economy and in the enhancement and/or restructuring of community economic development programs and services directed towards rural Manitoba.

Representative projects funded in 1999/2000: Maple Leaf Hog Plant, City of Brandon, Nunavut Memorandum of Understanding, Economic Development Authority of the Whiteshell.

Rural Community Development Projects

This program provides funds to rural Manitoba communities for community development projects that are a local priority. Through this initiative, greater opportunity is given for local decision-making on matters related to sustainable community development. The direct transfer is distributed equitably by formula to 200 municipalities and 52 northern communities. For 1999/2000, this formula was based on $13.88 per capita plus $5,000 per community. In most cases, the communities targeted their funding to the following areas: economic development, infrastructure, grants to community organizations, environmental purposes, and recreation and cultural purposes.

6(c) Unconditional Grants - Rural Community Development

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Grants	6,184.9	0.00	6,000.0	184.9	

Expenditures Related to Capital

This appropriation includes the following Capital Grants administered by Branches of the Department:

Local Government Support Services - Transit Bus Purchase

Infrastructure Services - Water Development, Sewer and Water, Conservation Districts, and Infrastructure Development.

Transit Bus Purchase Program

Under this Program, capital grants are provided to assist municipal governments (excluding Winnipeg) with the purchase of handi or regular transit buses. Grants are based on 50% of the cost of bus purchases, subject to a program ceiling.

	1998/1999	1999/2000
Urban Transit – City of Brandon	100.0	100.0
Mobility Disadvantaged	10.0	20.0
TOTAL	110.0	120.0

7(a) Capital Grants - Transit Bus Purchases

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Transit Bus Purchases	120.0	0.00	180.0	(60.0)	

Water Development Programs

Various water source development programs are being handled by The Manitoba Water Services Board and supported by provincial grants. The Board, when requested, enters into agreements with municipalities and non-profit water utilities (Co-op) for projects under the Water Development Program. Total project management and interim financing are provided, utilizing the same procedures followed for larger municipal projects. Details on the individual Water Development Programs are as follows.

Farm Water Source Development

(a) On-Farm Water Services

This Program assists individual farmers whose situations do not qualify for Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) assistance to develop satisfactory off-farmstead water sources. Service is provided through in-field calls and consultation; technical assistance; water purification and treatment; and financial aid. A 30% rebate is paid on all eligible costs per farmstead. A maximum rebate of $2,000 is paid to farmers whose systems meet minimum design criteria. Technical assistance in upgrading or drought proofing water sources is also available through the farm water technologists.

To be eligible for assistance; clients must be bona fide farmers, the water source must be located off the farmstead, and system installations must involve abnormal cost in transporting water from the source to the point of use of the first water outlet. In 1999/00, under this program 3,002 requests for technical assistance were dealt with, down from the 3,395 requests the previous year.

Total Number of Rebates Paid	1998/99	1999/2000
Individual Farmers	66	63

(b) Irrigation

The Board, in cooperation with Manitoba Agriculture, extends technical assistance to farmers in the planning stages of preparing soil and water analysis studies. This serves to ensure that all irrigation projects are technically feasible. A 30% rebate to a maximum of $2,000 was paid on all eligible costs per farmstead.

Total Clients Served	1998/99	1999/2000
Individual Farmers	3	3

Community Water Source Development

This program assists local governments to identify and develop dependable water sources to serve community and farm needs. Councils apply as proposed owners/operators or on behalf of local water co-operatives. The Board provided 33 1/3% grants on all eligible costs.

Total Number Served	1998/99	1999/2000
Local Water Co-operatives and Colonies	20	24

Agricultural Area Water Pipeline

Through a co-operative program between the Board and PFRA, assistance is provided to local governments or to incorporated groups sponsored by a municipality to install pipelines for transporting water from a reliable supply to a water short area. Technical support, project management, and system start-up, is shared by the Board and PFRA. The Board paid a grant of 33 1/3% on the eligible project costs.

Total Clients Served	1998/99	1999/2000
Incorporated Groups and Colonies	13	23

Agricultural Community Water and Sewer

This program assists smaller unincorporated rural communities to install water and sewage treatment and distribution/collection facilities. Local governments apply to the Board for assistance.

Technical and financial assistance was provided to 11 Hutterite colonies in 1999/2000.

A grant to a maximum of 33 1/3% on all eligible costs was paid.

Total Clients Served	1998/99	1999/2000
Unincorporated Communities and Colonies	15	14

Dugout Filling

To ensure farmers' water needs are met, the Board rents pumping equipment and pipe to farmers for dugout filling. This service is available at provincial cost.

In 1999/2000, the equipment rental charge was $500 for filling normal-sized dugouts with the pumping distance up to 1¼ miles. An additional charge of $200 was assessed for each additional 1¼ miles of pipe required.

Total Clients Served	1998/99	1999/2000
Individual Farmers	48	36

The main reason for decreased dugout filling activity during 1999/2000 was due to additional rainfall in the western half of the Province.

7(b) Capital Grants - Water Development

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Water Development Grants	2,223.5	0.00	1,773.5	450.0	1.

Explanation Number

1. The overexpenditure was due to the demand placed on this program.

Sewer and Water Programs

The Board provides technical and financial assistance to municipalities to develop water and sewer systems.

Projects where there are documented public health or environmental problems and/or have economic benefits to the Province and the municipality will receive 50% provincial grants. Projects which are primarily of local improvement in nature will receive 30% provincial grants.

An additional grant to a maximum of 10% may be considered by the Board for accepted projects north of the 53rd parallel.

Several communities had a number of sewer and water projects. Totals reflect projects in design phases; under construction; and completed in 1999/2000.

Total Clients Served	Total Cost	1999/2000 Provincial Assistance
40 Municipalities	$16,600.0	$6,266.5

Water Treatment Plants

On April 1, 1999, the Board owned and operated 16 previously constructed (prior to 1972) water treatment plants and operated for the municipality one newly constructed (1972/1986) water treatment plant.

Effective April 1, 1999 the Board raised the maximum water rates for two previously constructed water treatment plants from $7.64 to $7.78 per 1,000 Imperial gallons.

Water rates remained unchanged for one newly constructed water treatment plant.

During the year, five previously constructed (Elie, Manitou, Russell, Reston and Pilot Mound) and two newly constructed (Miami and Swan Lake) water treatment plants were transferred to the respective community.

7(c) Capital Grants - Sewer and Water

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Sewer and Water Grants	7,116.5	0.00	5,966.5	1,150.0	1.

Explanation Number

1. The overexpenditure was due to the demand placed on this Program.

7(d) Canada-Manitoba Partnership Agreement on Municipal Water Infrastructure

This program was completed in the 1998/99 fiscal year.

Conservation Districts Grants

The Province provides grants to support the Conservation Districts (C.D.) Programs such as water management, soil conservation, water storage, wildlife habitat, historic resources and recreation, public education, administration and a variety of other programs that promote sustainable resource management.

In 1999/2000, provincial grants totalling $2,570,000 were provided to 11 C.D.'s. as follows:

- Whitemud Watershed Conservation District - $670,000
- Turtle River Watershed Conservation District - $398,000
- Alonsa Conservation District - $208,000
- Turtle Mountain Conservation District - $298,000
- Cooks Creek Conservation District - $192,000
- Pembina Valley Conservation District - $220,000
- West Souris River Conservation District - $168,000
- Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District - $165,000
- Intermountain Conservation District - $121,000
- Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District - $78,000
- Kelsey Conservation District - $52,000

A separate Annual Report on Conservation Districts of Manitoba is prepared each fiscal year.

7(e) Conservation Districts

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Conservation Districts	2,570.0	0.00	2,570.0	0.0	

Infrastructure Development

This program is designed to assist large infrastructure projects to enhance sustainable economic development in various communities in Manitoba.

7(f) Infrastructure Development

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Infrastructure Development	8,160.0	0.00	11,405.8	(3,245.8)	1.

Explanation Number

1. ***The underexpenditure in this program was due to delays in two sewer and water projects, and the Swan River and Interlake natural gas projects not requiring funds that were budgeted for this fiscal year.***

Recoverable From Rural Economic Development Initiatives

This program provides for the recovery of capital expenditures related to the Sewer and Water, and Conservation District Grant Programs from the Rural Economic Development Initiatives Program. This provides the funding necessary for expansion of these capital programs in order to meet the requirements of rural Manitoba and facilitates sustainable development.

7(g) Recoverable From Rural Economic Development Initiatives

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Recoverable	(4,720.0)	0.00	(5,075.8)	355.8	

Recoverable From Capital Initiatives

This program provides for the recovery of capital expenditures related to the Infrastructure Development Program from the Capital Initiatives appropriation, in order to provide the necessary funding for expanding the Infrastructure Development Program to meet the requirements of rural Manitoba.

7(h) Recoverable From Capital Initiatives

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Recoverable	(7,000.0)	0.00	(8,350.0)	1,350.0	1.

Explanation Number

1. ***The recoveries were less than budgeted due to the underexpenditure related to the Interlake natural gas project.***

Amortization of Capital Assets

This appropriation was established to provide for the amortization of the department of Intergovernmental Affairs capital assets.

13-8 Amortization of Capital Assets

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Amortization	410.9	0.00	429.0	(18.1)	

Financial Information Section

Reconciliation Statement

Details	1999/2000 Estimates
1999/2000 Main Estimates	$52,250.6
Allocation of Funds to:	
Transfer to Agriculture and Food – Food Development Centre	(912.4)
	51,338.2
Allocation of Funds From:	
- Enabling Appropriation re Internal Reform,	
- Workforce Adjustment and General Salary Increases	154.6
- Transfer from Urban Affairs	81.2
1999/2000 Estimate	$51,574.0

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 with comparative figures for the previous fiscal year.

ESTIMATE 1999/2000		APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/99	INCREASE (DECREASE)	EXPLANATION NUMBER
	13-1	**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**				
$ 27.0	(a)	Minister's Salary	26.9	26.3	.6	
	(b)	Executive Support				
763.1		1 Salaries	712.5	596.3	116.2	
122.2		2 Other Expenditures	107.0	115.8	(8.8)	
(239.8)		3 Recovery	(216.1)	(210.6)	(5.5)	
	(c)	Brandon Cabinet Office				
171.7		1 Salaries	148.7	142.2	6.5	
60.4		2 Other Expenditures	59.9	51.3	8.6	
	(d)	Human Resource Management				
131.8		1 Salaries	140.2	125.1	15.1	
27.2		2 Other Expenditures	27.1	20.9	6.2	
	(e)	Financial and Administrative Services				
390.4		1 Salaries	350.8	337.6	13.2	
196.7		2 Other Expenditures	181.5	186.2	(4.7)	
$1,650.7	TOTAL 13-1		1,538.5	1,391.1	147.4	

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ESTIMATE 1999/2000		APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/99	INCREASE (DECREASE)	EXPLANATION NUMBER
	13-2	**BOARDS**				
	(a)	Municipal Board				
774.5		1 Salaries	557.1	538.8	18.3	
273.3		2 Other Expenditures	213.9	209.7	4.2	
0.0		3 Less: Recoverable from other appropriations	0.0	(22.5)	22.5	
	(b)	Surface Rights Board				
20.7		1 Salaries	8.7	18.1	(9.4)	
15.4		2 Other Expenditures	11.5	11.9	(.4)	
1,083.9	TOTAL 13-2		791.2	756.0	35.2	

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ESTIMATE 1999/2000		APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/99	INCREASE (DECREASE)	EXPLANATION NUMBER
	13-3	**SMALL BUSINESS AND CORPORATE PLANNING SERVICES**				
	(a)	Corporate Planning and Business Development				
690.8		1 Salaries	690.4	634.1	56.3	
109.9		2 Other Expenditures	111.9	95.1	16.8	
	(b)	Small Business and Community Support				
238.7		1 Salaries	231.2	205.3	25.9	
68.6		2 Other Expenditures	63.6	59.2	4.4	
1,108.0	TOTAL 13-3		1,097.1	993.7	103.4	

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ESTIMATE 1999/2000		APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/99	INCREASE (DECREASE)	EXPLANATION NUMBER
	13-4	**LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION**				
	(a)	Executive Administration				
122.6		1 Salaries	119.7	114.0	5.7	
34.6		2 Other Expenditures	29.6	29.5	.1	
	(b)	Assessment Services				
6,013.7		1 Salaries	5,861.4	5,664.3	197.1	
1,359.0		2 Other Expenditures	1,333.3	1,441.7	(108.4)	
(1,843.2)		3 Less: Recoverable from Education & Training	(1,843.2)	(1,731.8)	(111.4)	
	(c)	Local Government Support Services				
922.3		1 Salaries	817.6	865.4	(47.8)	
267.1		2 Other Expenditures	319.1	340.6	(21.5)	
1,562.6		3 Transit Grants	1,484.1	1,458.1	26.0	
973.4		4 Municipal Support Grants	1,004.9	1,092.8	(87.9)	
(75.0)		5 Less: Recoverable from REDI	0.0	(7.1)	7.1	
	(d)	Grants to Municipalities in Lieu of Taxes				
13,529.5		1 Grants	13,111.7	13,010.0	101.7	
(13,375.9)		2 Less: Recoverable from other Appropriations	(13,375.8)	(12,996.9)	(378.9)	
	(e)	Information Systems				
801.5		1 Salaries	739.7	656.8	82.9	
1,518.2		2 Other Expenditures	1,477.8	1,466.8	11.0	
(424.2)		3 Less: Recoverable from Education & Training	(424.2)	(420.2)	(4.0)	
11,386.2	TOTAL 13-4		10,655.7	10,984.0	(328.3)	

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ESTIMATE 1999/2000		APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/99	INCREASE (DECREASE)	EXPLANATION NUMBER
	13-5	**RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**				
	(a)	Executive Administration				
122.6		1 Salaries	120.1	114.5	5.6	
32.6		2 Other Expenditures	30.6	28.8	1.8	
	(b)	Infrastructure Services				
1,565.0		1 Salaries	1,486.0	1,379.8	106.2	
459.3		2 Other Expenditures	369.1	319.4	49.7	
	(c)	Community Economic Development Services				
2,955.6		1 Salaries	2,845.3	2,767.1	78.2	
766.1		2 Other Expenditures	770.4	707.2	63.2	
545.0		3 Grants	545.0	545.0	0.0	
6,446.2	TOTAL 13-5		6,166.5	5,861.8	304.7	

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ESTIMATE 1999/2000		APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/99	INCREASE (DECREASE)	EXPLANATION NUMBER
	13-6	**RURAL ECONOMIC PROGRAMS**				
	(a)	Grow Bonds Program				
471.1		1 Salaries	347.9	342.6	5.3	
623.7		2 Other Expenditures	467.9	536.1	(68.2)	
	(b)	Rural Economic Development Initiative				
490.9		1 Salaries	376.7	298.7	78.0	
144.1		2 Other Expenditures	128.1	95.3	32.8	
6,894.4		3 Programs – Operating	6,791.6	6,416.9	374.7	
6,375.8		4 Programs – Capital	5,582.4	6,710.2	(1,127.8)	1
	(c)	Unconditional Grants - Rural				
6,000.0		Community Development	6,184.9	6,000.0	184.9	
21,000.0	TOTAL 13-6		19,879.5	20,399.8	(520.3)	

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For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 with comparative figures for the previous fiscal year.

ESTIMATE 1999/2000		APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1998/99	INCREASE (DECREASE)	EXPLANATION NUMBER
	13-7	**EXPENDITURES RELATED TO CAPITAL**				
180.0	(a)	Transit Bus Purchases	120.0	110.0	10.0	
1,773.5	(b)	Water Development	2,223.5	1,444.1	779.4	2
5,966.5	(c)	Sewer and Water	7,116.5	3,910.0	3,206.5	3
0.0	(d)	Agreement on Municipal Water Infrastructure	0.0	800.0	(800.0)	4
2,570.0	(e)	Conservation Districts	2,570.0	2,450.0	120.0	
11,405.8	(f)	Infrastructure Development	8,160.0	8,067.7	92.3	
(5,075.8)	(g)	REDI Recoveries	(4,720.0)	(4,337.7)	(382.3)	
(8,350.0)	(h)	Recoverable From Capital Initiatives	(7,000.0)	(4,000.0)	(3,000.0)	5
8,470.0	TOTAL 13-7		8,470.0	8,444.1	25.9	
429.0	13-8	Amortization	410.9	16.8	394.1	6
51,574.0	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		49,009.4	48,847.3	162.1	

EXPLANATION NOTES

1. *The decrease in REDI Programs – Capital was primarily due to less costs related to major infrastructure development, and discontinuation of the Development Support program.*

2. *The increase in the Water Development Program over the previous year was due to greater activity in the program which was consistent with the programs budget increase for 1999/2000.*

3. *The increase in Sewer and Water expenditures over the previous year was due to greater activity in the program which was consistent with the programs budget increase for 1999/2000.*

4. *The decrease in expenditures in the Partnership Agreement on Municipal Water Infrastructure program was due to completion of this Federal/Provincial Program in 1998/99.*

5. *The increase in Recoverable From Capital Initiatives over the previous year is consistent with the budget increase in 1999/2000, and is reflective of the increases in Water Development, and Sewer and Water projects.*

6. *The increase in amortization over the previous year is consistent with the budgeted increase and is due to 1999/2000 being the first year to have amortization for the new Desktop and Better Methods initiatives.*

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REVENUE SUMMARY BY SOURCE

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 with comparative figures for the previous fiscal year.

Actual 1998/99	Actual 1999/2000	Increase (Decrease)	Source	Actual 1999/2000	Estimate 1999/2000	Variance	Expl. No.
			Current Operation Programs – Other Revenue				
326.8	332.6	5.8	(a) Fees	332.6	378.2	(45.6)	
6,836.6	6,859.7	23.1	(b) Municipalities Shared Cost Receipts	6,859.7	7,496.4	(636.7)	
17.4	68.9	51.5	(c) Sundry	68.9	20.0	48.9	
7,180.8	7,261.2	80.4	TOTAL REVENUE	7,261.2	7,894.6	(633.4)	

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FIVE YEAR EXPENDITURE AND STAFFING SUMMARY BY APPROPRIATION

For years ending March 31, 1996 – March 31, 2000

ACTUAL/ADJUSTED*EXPENDITURES ($000)

		1995/96		1996/97		1997/98		1998/99		1999/2000	
		FTE	$	FTE	$	FTE	$	FTE	$	FTE	$
13-1	Administration and Finance	27.60	1,253.3	27.60	1,270.9	28.60	1,278.1	28.60	1,391.1	28.60	1,538.5
13-2	Boards	7.00	630.4	7.00	613.9	8.00	681.7	8.00	756.0	10.00	791.2
13-3	Small Business and Corporate Planning Services	15.00	921.3	15.00	851.0	15.00	951.3	15.00	993.7	15.00	1,097.1
13-4	Local Government Services Division	157.10	9,687.2	157.10	9,349.8	157.10	10,207.7	157.10	10,984.0	157.10	10,655.7
13-5	Rural Economic Development Division	86.50	5,761.3	86.50	5,739.0	84.50	5,660.2	86.50	5,861.8	86.50	6,166.5
13-6	Rural Economic Programs	12.00	16,421.8	12.00	17,973.1	13.00	16,649.5	13.00	20,399.8	16.00	19,879.5
13-7	Expenditures Related to Capital	-	9,475.3	-	12,963.2	-	9,350.6	-	8,444.1	-	8,470.0
13-8	Amortization of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.8	-	410.9
TOTAL		305.20	44,150.6	305.20	48,760.90	306.20	44,779.1	308.20	48,847.3	313.20	49,009.4

* ***Adjusted figures reflect historical data on a comparable basis in those appropriations affected by a reorganization during the years under review.***

EXPLANATION NOTES

1. *The 1995/96 actuals have been adjusted to reflect the transfer of staff from Northern Affairs.*

2. *The 1995/96 and 1996/97 actuals for Boards have been adjusted to reflect the transfer of the Land Value Appraisal Commission budget from Government Services in 1997/98.*

3. *The 1995/96 and 1996/97 actuals have been adjusted to reflect the transfer of staff and operating expenditures to the Small Business and Corporate Planning Services appropriation from Administration, Boards, Local Government Services Division and the Rural Economic development Division in 1997/98.*

4. *The 1995/96 and 1996/97 actuals have been adjusted to reflect the recovery of Assessment Related Costs from the Department of Education on a comparable basis commencing with the 1997/98 Estimates.*

5. *The 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/2000 actual expenditures of the Rural Economic Development Division have been adjusted to reflect the transfer of the Food Development Centre to Agriculture and Food during the 1999/2000 year.*

6. *The 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/2000 actual expenditures of Administration and Finance have been adjusted to reflect the transfer of staff and operating expenditures from Family Services and Housing during the 1999/2000 year.*

Urban Affairs

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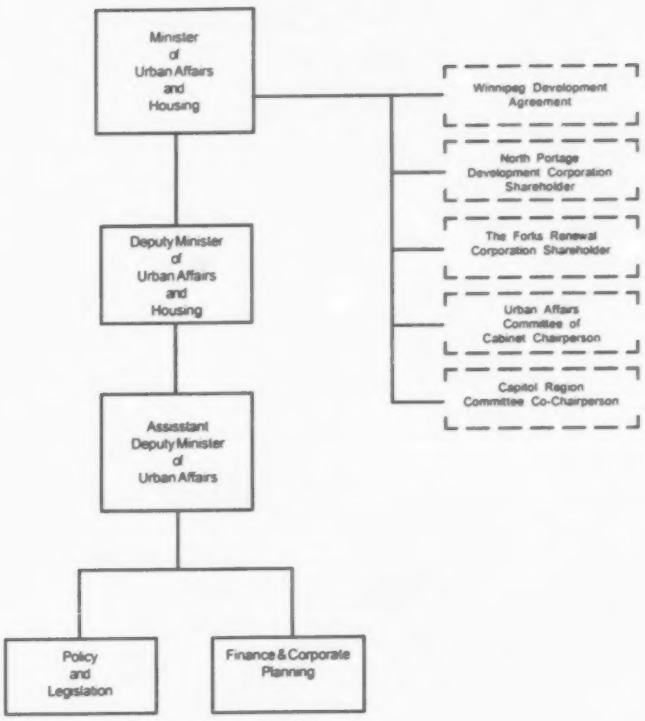
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
PRIOR TO RE-ORGANIZATION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Assisstant Deputy Minister of Urban Affairs
Policy and Legislation
Finance & Corporate Planning
Winnipeg Development Agreement
North Portage Development Corporation Shareholder
The Forks Renewal Corporation Shareholder
Urban Affairs Committee of Cabinet Chairperson
Capitol Region Committee Co-Chairperson

Legislative Authority

The Department is responsible for the administration of ***The City of Winnipeg Act***, **(S.M. 1989-90, c.10)**.

This statute is the legal instrument that creates the City of Winnipeg and describes the powers and responsibilities delegated to it by the Province of Manitoba.

Due to Winnipeg's size and administrative capabilities, *The Act* provides the City with a considerable degree of autonomy in decision-making and expenditure of funds.

The City is also delegated substantial authority over planning, development, by-law approval and financial management controls.

Administration

This main appropriation (20-1), provides for the operation of the offices of the Minister and Deputy Minister.

Both the Minister's and Deputy Minister's offices provide guidance and senior decision-making in developing programs and policies that contribute to achieving provincial goals and objectives in the City of Winnipeg.

Minister's Salary

Objectives

- To provide leadership on behalf of the Province of Manitoba in establishing and maintaining a strong working relationship for the Province with the City of Winnipeg, the Government of Canada and the public, that will contribute to the resolution of major urban and regional issues and problems and to the efficient and effective delivery of urban services to the population of the City of Winnipeg.

Results

- The results achieved by this office are discussed throughout the Annual Report.

20-1(a) Minister's Salary

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salary	7.0	0.50	13.5	(6.5)	

Executive Support

The Executive Support branch provides for the operations of the offices of the Minister and Deputy Minister.

The offices of the Minister and Deputy Minister were consolidated with the Department of Housing in 1996/97.

Objectives

- To facilitate the objectives of the Minister in working to achieve the efficient and effective delivery of services to the population of the City of Winnipeg.
- To direct the efficient and effective operation of the Department of Urban Affairs.
- To coordinate the Department's strategic planning function.
- To provide guidance and senior decision-making in the development, coordination and administration of urban and regional policies, programs and legislation.

Results

- Continued dialogue between the City and the Province, including regular meetings of the Urban Affairs Committee of Cabinet with the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of the City of Winnipeg.
- Coordinated the activities of the Urban Affairs Committee of Cabinet.
- Continued dialogue between the Province and municipalities in the Capital Region, including coordination of the meetings of the Capital Region Committee.
- Continued regular meetings between senior administrative officials of the Province (Departments of Urban Affairs and Finance) and the City of Winnipeg.
- Amended *The City of Winnipeg Act*.
- Other results achieved are discussed throughout the Annual Report.

20-1(b) Executive Support

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Expenditures	216.0	0.00	239.8	(23.8)	

Financial Assistance to The City of Winnipeg

In 1999/2000, the Department administered seven major programs which provided direct financial assistance to the City of Winnipeg and an offset to reflect the cost neutral transfer of City income assistance services and public health managed services to the Province and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority respectively. These programs were:

1. Unconditional Current Programs Grant
2. Unconditional Transit Operating Grant
3. General Support Grant
4. Dutch Elm Disease Control Program Grant
5. Unconditional Grant - Urban Development
   Less: Adjustment to Reflect Program Transfers from the City of Winnipeg
6. Urban Capital Projects Allocation (UCPA) Grants
7. Residential Street Repairs Grant

The first five grant programs and the adjustment to grants are included in Main Appropriation 20-2, and provide financial assistance towards the City's operating expenditures. The UCPA and Residential Street Repairs grants provide financial assistance towards Winnipeg's capital expenditures and are discussed further under "Expenditures Related to Capital".

Unconditional Current Programs Grant

Objectives

To provide unconditional financial assistance to the City of Winnipeg.

To assist in the cost of delivering all City services.

To give Winnipeg increased local autonomy by providing it with flexibility in allocating resources in accordance with its priorities.

Results

In 1999/2000, grant payments under this program totalled $19,587.5.

The funds were used by Winnipeg for its own priorities.

Unconditional Transit Operating Grant

Objectives

To financially assist the City of Winnipeg in the operation of an effective and efficient transit system, including Handi-Transit services.

To promote public transit as a viable transportation alternative to the private automobile in view of the environmental, social and economic benefits associated with increased Winnipeg transit system ridership.

To maintain and improve levels of service.

To maintain a reasonable fare structure.

Results

In 1999/2000, the Province of Manitoba provided the City of Winnipeg with a grant of $16,339.0.

The Winnipeg transit system had 38.5 million paid users in 1999.

Handi-Transit ridership was 450,300 in 1999.

General Support Grant

Objectives

To provide additional unconditional financial support to the City of Winnipeg to assist in meeting the City's general financial obligations, by providing an approximate offset to the Provincial Health and Post-Secondary Education Levy.

Results

In 1999/2000, the grant payment was $8,344.4. The grant was used by Winnipeg for its own priorities.

Dutch Elm Disease Control Program Grant

Objectives

To support the control of Dutch Elm Disease within the City of Winnipeg.

To provide financial support to the City of Winnipeg to assist in preventing tree mortality due to Dutch Elm Disease.

Results

In 1999/2000, the Province of Manitoba provided the City of Winnipeg with a grant of $900.0.

The Dutch Elm Disease Control Program, delivered by the City of Winnipeg, provided surveillance of trees, tree injections and basal spraying, sanitation of trees through pruning, and tree removals and replacements. Dutch Elm Disease research was also provided.

Unconditional Grant - Urban Development

Objectives

To provide the City of Winnipeg with a share of net Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) revenues generated in Winnipeg.

To assist in the cost of delivering all City of Winnipeg services.

To provide Winnipeg with increased local autonomy by providing it with flexibility in allocating its resources in accordance with its priorities.

Results

In 1999/2000, the grant funds payable totalled $7,551.4.

The funds were used by Winnipeg for its own priorities.

Less: Adjustment To Reflect Program Transfers From The City Of Winnipeg

Objectives

To adjust operating grants to the City of Winnipeg in order to achieve the cost neutral transfer of the City's income assistance service and public health managed service to the Province and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority respectively.

Results

In 1999/2000, the adjustment to operating grants to Winnipeg was ($18,875.0).

20-2 Financial Assistance to the City of Winnipeg (Operating)

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Other Expenditures					
Unconditional Current Programs Grant	19,587.5	0.00	19,587.5	0.0	
Unconditional Transit Operating Grant	16,339.0	0.00	16,339.0	0.0	
General Support Grant	8,344.4	0.00	8,325.0	19.4	
Dutch Elm Disease Control Program Grant	900.0	0.00	900.0	0.0	
Unconditional Grant - Urban Development	7,551.4	0.00	7,000.0	551.4	1
Less: Adjustment to reflect Program transfers from the City of Winnipeg	(18,875.0)	0.00	(23,500.0)	4,625.0	2
TOTAL	33,847.3	0.00	28,651.5	5,195.8	

Explanation:

1. ***The variance is due to an additional amount of $551.4 payable to the City based on the final calculation of VLT revenues generated in Winnipeg in 1999/2000.***
2. ***The adjustment regarding the income assistance transfer did not apply in 1999/2000 to the first quarter grant payments to the City of Winnipeg. As a result, the $18,500.0 adjustment for the income assistance program transfer was reduced by one-quarter ($4,625.0) in 1999/2000.***

Urban Affairs Program Support

This main appropriation (20-3), provides for urban policy formulation and advice on achieving the government's goals and strategies for the City of Winnipeg and the Capital Region. It also provides for Manitoba's share of expenditures on programs aimed at physical, economic and social development within the City of Winnipeg.

During 1999/2000, the staff complement under sub-appropriation 20-3(a) was 12.00 full time equivalents (FTEs) comprising four managerial, five professional and three administrative support positions.

Since 1993/94, departmental activities associated with Financial Services, French Language Services, *Freedom of Information Act*, Information Technology, and Records Management, have been consolidated in the Department of Housing. In 1997/98, responsibility for Personnel Services, formerly provided to the Department by the Department of Housing, was shifted to Manitoba Education and Training.

Salaries and Other Expenditures

Objectives

To formulate, analyze and advise on urban policies, programs and legislation to achieve provincial goals and strategies in the City of Winnipeg and Manitoba's Capital Region.

To administer *The City of Winnipeg Act* and regulations, including reviewing and advising on amendments.

To administer capital and operating grants to the City of Winnipeg.

To provide an operating grant to the Friends of Elmwood Cemetery.

To review and recommend on proposed amendments to Plan Winnipeg, the City of Winnipeg's development plan.

To coordinate and implement provincial policies on urban government, finance, planning and development, and the Capital Region.

To fund the review of the Capital Region by an independent panel.

To monitor, review, coordinate and recommend on urban and regional issues, including the preparation of special studies.

To negotiate, coordinate and manage intergovernmental agreements and programs such as: the Winnipeg Development Agreement, The Forks North Portage Partnership, the Shoal Lake Water Quality Agreement, the Manitoba/Winnipeg Community Revitalization Program, and a new Provincial/City neighbourhood revitalization program.

To provide staff support for the intergovernmental meetings of the Urban Affairs Committee of Cabinet and the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of the City of Winnipeg, and of the Capital Region Committee.

To develop and monitor the Department's business plan.

Results

Coordinated the preparation of amendments to *The City of Winnipeg Act* and completed a joint project with the City to prepare a re-draft of The Act.

Coordinated administration of financial grants to the City of Winnipeg (refer to appropriations 20-2 and 20-4).

Provided $128.1 grant to the Friends of Elmwood Cemetery, which represents the first installment of a three-year funding commitment to this not for profit organization.

Coordinated provincial review of Plan Winnipeg amendments.

Continued the implementation of the Manitoba/Winnipeg Community Revitalization Program in cooperation with the City of Winnipeg.

Continued to represent the interests of the Province in The Forks North Portage Partnership.

Coordinated the Capital Region Committee and the planned implementation of the Capital Region Strategy, and reviewed planning and development initiatives in the Capital Region.

Received and reviewed the Capital Region Review Panel's Final Report to the Government.

Coordinated the implementation of provincial Winnipeg Development Agreement programs.

Managed the Strategic Initiatives Program under the Winnipeg Development Agreement.

Represented the Province on the Shoal Lake Agreement Working Group (Province of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg and Shoal Lake First Nation No. 40) to implement the Shoal Lake Water Quality Agreement.

Represented provincial interests on City committees related to airport vicinity development, downtown revitalization and strategic infrastructure reinvestment.

Monitored and updated the business plan.

20-3(a) and (b) Urban Affairs Program Support

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Salaries	609.1	12.00	704.6	(95.5)	
Total Other Expenditures	574.8	0.00	668.7	(93.9)	
TOTAL	1,183.9	12.00	1,373.3	(189.4)	

Winnipeg Development Agreement (Operating)

This sub-appropriation provides funding for provincial participation in the tripartite Winnipeg Development Agreement (WDA).

The sub-appropriation initially included a complement of 2.00 limited term FTEs: a WDA Program Manager to administer three WDA programs (North Main Economic Development, Neighbourhood Infrastructure and Riverbank Development) being delivered by the Department, and a WDA Liaison Officer to coordinate Provincial WDA projects with other initiatives to ensure maximum benefit of limited Provincial funds. The WDA Program Manager position was established in September 1995. The WDA Liaison Officer position was established in February 1997 and was phased out in 1999/2000 due to the pending completion of the WDA.

Objectives

To support projects that enhance the long-term sustainable economic development of Winnipeg, in partnership with Canada and the City of Winnipeg.

To deliver Urban Affairs' WDA programs.

To coordinate the Province's participation in the WDA.

To coordinate the transfer of WDA funds to other provincial departments delivering WDA programs.

Results

Program authorizations have been approved for all of the Province's nine WDA programs.

Implementation of all provincial programs is nearing completion.

28 project commitments using operating funding were approved in 1999/2000, with a total funding commitment of $2,514.7.

20-3(c) Winnipeg Development Agreement (Operating)

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Expenditures	2,474.6	2.00	3,384.8	(910.2)	

Expenditures Related to Capital

This main appropriation (20-4) provides for: capital grants to the City of Winnipeg, capital expenditures under the Winnipeg Development Agreement, and refurbishment of the Red River Floodway Control Structure.

Financial Assistance to the City of Winnipeg

This appropriation provides capital grants to the City of Winnipeg for infrastructure projects. These grants are funded under the Urban Capital Projects Allocation (UCPA) and under a special allocation for Residential Street Repairs.

In April 1997, the Province announced a commitment of $96,000.0 under UCPA III for the six-year period between 1997/98 and 2002/03. UCPA III provides the framework for a continued financial partnership between the Province and the City to support the renewal and enhancement of municipal infrastructure.

Many projects approved for cost-sharing under the UCPA require two or more years to complete. Actual grant payments of the Province's approved commitments are made as work on each project is completed. Payments are usually made on a monthly basis and upon receipt of a progress claim submitted by the City of Winnipeg.

Objectives

To support Manitoba's commitment to municipal infrastructure renewal and urban revitalization through a financial partnership between the Province and the City of Winnipeg.

To give Winnipeg greater flexibility and autonomy in capital expenditure decisions and greater certainty in capital funding.

To encourage long-term, cost-effective development in the City of Winnipeg.

To provide the City with an incentive to manage its capital debt and debt servicing costs.

Results

The UCPA III capital grant commitments announced for 1999/2000 were as follows:

1. City Priorities	
Grant to be used towards projects which are City priorities	$ 4,500.0
2. Infrastructure Renewal and Strategic Enhancement Projects	
Transit Bus Fleet Replacement	3,000.0
Kenaston Boulevard Renewal	48.5
Lagimodiere Boulevard Renewal	727.5
McPhillips Street Renewal	706.6
Plessis Road Renewal	256.6
Fermor Avenue Renewal	375.4
Traffic Engineering Improvements	388.0
Reforestation	145.5
Pedestrian and Cycle Facilities	88.3
Provencher Bridge Repair	242.5
Main/Norwood Bridges Construction	2,986.1
Streetscaping: Exchange District	72.8
Streetscaping: Neighbourhood Main Street	169.8
SUB-TOTAL	9,207.6
Total Grant Commitments under UCPA III announced for 1999/2000	$13,707.6

During 1999/2000, capital grant payments totalling $18,600.0 were made to the City of Winnipeg for work completed on projects approved in 1999 and prior years.

During 1999/2000, a special allocation of $5,000.0 was committed and expended under the Residential Street Repairs Program to cost-share with the City repairs needed to residential streets throughout Winnipeg.

20-4(a) Financial Assistance to the City of Winnipeg (Capital)

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Expenditures	23,600.0	0.00	23,600.0	0.0	

Urban Initiatives

This sub-appropriation provided funding for the province's equivalency contribution to The Forks North Portage Partnership.

Objectives

To continue tripartite cooperation in the redevelopment of downtown Winnipeg.

To provide the Province's portion of the commitment to The Forks North Portage Partnership under The Forks Equivalency Agreement with Canada and Winnipeg.

Results

The Province paid the final $250.0 installment of its equivalency contribution to The Forks North Portage Partnership in 1998/99.

20-4(b) Urban Initiatives

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Expenditures	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	

Winnipeg Development Agreement (Capital)

This sub-appropriation provides funding for provincial participation in the tripartite Winnipeg Development Agreement (WDA).

Objectives

To support projects that enhance the long-term sustainable economic development of Winnipeg, in partnership with Canada and the City of Winnipeg.

To deliver Urban Affairs' WDA programs.

To coordinate the Province's participation in the WDA.

To coordinate the transfer of WDA funds to other provincial departments delivering WDA programs.

Results

Program authorizations have been approved for all of the Province's nine WDA programs.

Implementation of all provincial programs is nearing completion.

A total of 42 capital project commitments were approved in 1999/2000 with a total funding commitment of $4,071.9.

20-4(c) Winnipeg Development Agreement (Capital)

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Other Expenditures	4,202.4	0.00	4,632.0	(429.6)	

Red River Floodway Control Structure

This sub-appropriation provides funding to ensure the Red River Floodway Control Structure is in adequate condition to protect the City of Winnipeg from floods.

Objectives

To fund required refurbishments to the Control Structure.

Results

The project is being managed by Manitoba Conservation. Repairs completed in 1999/2000 include de-silting of the inlet control structure main gate chambers and final design engineering for the gate refurbishment.

20-4(d) Red River Floodway Control Structure

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Expenditures	500.0	0.00	500.0	0.0	

Less: Recoverable from Capital Initiatives

This sub-appropriation provides for the recovery from Capital Initiatives Appropriation 27-5 of expenditures on the 1999 City of Winnipeg Residential Street Repairs Program

Objectives

To recover expenditures for the Residential Street Repairs Program from Capital Initiatives Appropriation 27-5.

20-4(e) Less: Recoverable from Capital Initiatives

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Less: Recoverable from Capital Initiatives	(5,000.0)	0.00	(5,000.0)	0.0	

Amortization of Capital Assets

Objective

To provide for the amortization of the Department's capital assets.

Results

In 1999/2000, $2.1 was provided for the amortization of assets.

20-5 Amortization of Capital Assets

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 FTE	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Amortization	2.1	0.00	2.1	0.0	

Financial Information Section

Reconciliation Statement

Details	1999/2000 Estimates
1999/2000 Main Estimates	$55,768.5
Allocation of Funds From:	
- Canada-Manitoba Enabling Vote Re: Winnipeg Development Agreement	1,603.4
- Transfer from Housing	25.1
1999/2000 Estimate	$57,397.0

DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AFFAIRS
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY ($000s)
For fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 with figures for the previous year

Estimate 1999/2000	Appropriation	Actual 1999/2000	Actual 1998/99	Increase (Decrease)	Explanation Number
	20-1 Administration				
$ 13.5	(a) Minister's Salary	7.0	13.1	(6.1)	
239.8	(b) Executive Support	216.0	210.6	5.4	
$ 253.3	**Total 20-1**	**$ 223.0**	**223.7**	**(.7)**	
	20-2 Financial Assistance to the City of Winnipeg				
$19,587.5	Unconditional Current Programs Grant	19,587.5	19,587.5	0.0	
16,339.0	Unconditional Transit Operating Grant	16,339.0	16,339.0	0.0	
8,325.0	General Support Grant	8,344.4	8,100.9	243.5	
900.0	Dutch Elm Disease Control Program Grant	900.0	900.0	0.0	
7,000.0	Unconditional Grant - Urban Development	7,551.4	7,227.0	324.4	
(23,500.0)	Less: Adjustment to reflect program transfers from the City of Winnipeg	(18,875.0)	0.0	(18,875.0)	1
$28,651.5	**Total 20-2**	**33,847.3**	**52,154.4**	**(18,307.1)**	
	20-3 Urban Affairs Program Support				
$ 704.6	(a) Salaries	609.1	606.5	2.6	
668.7	(b) Other Expenditures	574.8	335.3	239.5	
3,384.8	(c) Winnipeg Development Agreement (Operating)	2,474.6	6,261.7	(3,787.1)	2
$ 4,758.1	**Total 20-3**	**3,658.5**	**7,203.5**	**(3,545.0)**	
	20-4 Expenditures Related to Capital				
$23,600.0	(a) Financial Assistance to the City of Winnipeg	23,600.0	31,000.0	(7,400.0)	3
----	(b) Urban Initiatives	0.0	250.0	(250.0)	4
4,632.0	(c) Winnipeg Development Agreement (Capital)	4,202.4	1,946.1	2,256.3	5
500.0	(d) Red River Floodway Control Structure	500.0	0.0	500.0	6
(5,000.0)	(e) Less: Recoverable from Capital Initiatives	(5,000.0)	(5,000.0)	0.0	
$23,732.0	**Total 20-4**	**23,302.4**	**28,196.1**	**(4,893.7)**	
$ 2.1	**20-5 Amortization of Capital Assets**	**2.1**	**0.0**	**2.1**	
$57,397.0	**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**	**61,033.3**	**87,777.7**	**(26,744.4)**	

EXPLANATION NOTES

1. *The City of Winnipeg relinquished responsibility for income assistance and public health managed service to the Province and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority respectively, effective April 1, 1999. Therefore, 1999/2000 was the first year of the cost neutral adjustment to grants resulting from these transfers.*

2. *The primary reason that expenditures were less than in the previous year is due to the completion of funding to the Winnport project under the Transportation Program in 1998/99.*

3. *The expenditures were less than the previous year because of a high volume of progress claims from the City of Winnipeg for UCPA projects in 1998/99.*

4. *The decrease in expenditures in comparison to the previous year is because the Province paid the final instalment of its equivalency contribution to The Forks North Portage Partnership in 1998/99.*

5. *Expenditures were higher than in 1998/99 because of increased implementation of new projects under the North Main Economic Development, Riverbank Development, Strategic Initiatives and the Housing for High Risk Groups programs.*

6. *The increase in expenditures over the previous year was due to delays in implementation in 1998/99.*

DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AFFAIRS

FIVE YEAR EXPENDITURE AND STAFFING SUMMARY BY APPROPRIATION ($000s)

For fiscal years ending March 31, 1996 - March 31, 2000

		Actual/[1]Adjusted Expenditures									
		1995/96		1996/97		1997/98		1998/99		1999/2000	
Appropriation		FTEs	$	FTEs	$	FTEs	$	FTEs	$	FTEs	$
20-1	Administration	4.50	215.7	0.50	216.0	0.50	228.2	0.50	223.7	0.50	223.0
20-2	Financial Assistance to the City of Winnipeg	-	53,737.7	-	51,617.2	-	51,334.7	-	52,154.3	-	33,847.3
20-3	Urban Affairs Program Support	10.00	822.5	11.00	1,341.4	11.00	2,076.4	14.00[2]	7,203.6	14.00	3,658.5
20-4	Expenditures Related to Capital	-	17,044.4	-	16,957.9	-	20,753.3	-	28,196.1	-	23,302.4
20-5	Amortization of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
	TOTAL	14.50	71,820.3	11.50	70,132.5	11.50	74,392.6	14.50	87,777.7	14.50	61,033.3

1. *Adjusted figures reflect historical data on a comparable basis in those appropriations affected by a reorganization during the years under review.*
2. *Two limited term FTEs were added in 1998/99 related to the Capital Region Review project and one limited term FTE was added in 1998/99 related to The City of Winnipeg Act Re-draft project.*

DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AFFAIRS

REVENUE SUMMARY BY SOURCE

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 with comparative figures for the previous fiscal year.

Actual 1998/99	Actual 1999/2000	Increase (Decrease)	Source	Actual 1999/2000	Estimate 1999/2000	Variance	Expl. No.
			Other Revenue:				
2.7	0.0	(2.7)	Sundry	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2.7	0.0	(2.7)	TOTAL REVENUE	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Canada/Manitoba Agreements

Infrastructure Works Agreement

The mandate of the Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Works Program was to renew, enhance and create physical infrastructure that is instrumental in providing public services, notably in local communities, and to accelerate economic growth through timely, effective job creation.

Economic Development Partnership Agreement

The purpose of the Canada/Manitoba Economic Development Partnership Agreement is to promote greater federal-provincial co-operation in Manitoba's economic and regional development, including job creation, through a partnership program of strategic investments with other interested stakeholders.

A separate Annual Report on the Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Works Agreement and on the Canada/Manitoba Economic Development Partnership Agreement is prepared each fiscal year.

27(3) Canada/Manitoba Agreements

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	Actual 1999/2000 $	Estimate 1999/2000 $	Variance Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Infrastructure Works Agreement	5,300.8	6,127.1	(826.3)	
Economic Development Partnership Agreement	3,830.2	5,000.0	(1,169.8)	
Recoverable From Capital Initiatives	(3,830.2)	(5,000.0)	$1,169.8	
TOTAL	5,300.8	6,127.1	(826.3)	

Urban Economic Development Initiatives

This appropriation provides for economic development initiatives within the City of Winnipeg as directed by the Manitoba Government. This funding is in addition to the financial support provided directly to the City of Winnipeg by Intergovernmental Affairs. In 1999/2000, 21 grants totalling $14.45 million were made as follows:

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs – One-time grant funding of $200,000 in 1999/2000 for the AMC's Tribal Journey Events and Aboriginal Culture Village established at the Forks for the Pan American Games.

Centre Venture – One-time grant contribution in 1999/2000 for support of Centre Venture's Development Bank in the amount of $250,000.

Economic Development Winnipeg – In 1999/2000 the ongoing operating grant support provided was $720,700 based on 50% of budgeted net costs to Economic Development Winnipeg in support of its programming (after deducting revenue from other sources). The City of Winnipeg funds the balance.

Greater Winnipeg Council of Community Centres – Under a funding agreement with the General Council of Community Centres a grant of $200,000 was provided for capital projects and programs that support youth at site.

Manitoba Arts Council – Payment of one-time grant funding support to the Manitoba Arts Council for new/and enhanced programs in 1999/2000 in the amount of $875,000.

Manitoba International Film Production – One-time grant assistance to the Manitoba Motion Picture Industries Association in support of the Manitoba International marketing initiative in the amount of $25,000.

North End Renovation Training Program – Grant funding of $20,000 for 1999/2000 was provided to the Community Education and Development Association of Winnipeg Inc. (C.E.D.A.) to provide bridge financing for the "Just Housing" project. The Community Education and Development Association of Winnipeg Inc. delivers a number of community development program in Winnipeg's North End, including a housing rehabilitation project and a housing renovation training program.

North End YMCA Feasibility Study – Grant funding in 1999/2000 for a feasibility study for the re-use of the North End YMCA building in the amount of $21,000.

Pan American Games Society – Under the terms of an agreement between the federal government, the Province and the City of Winnipeg, the Province has committed $42 million in support to the Pan American Games Society (Winnipeg 1999). In 1999/2000, $5 million was funded from Urban Economic Development Initiatives. The federal government and the City of Winnipeg are committed to provide $49.5 million and $8 million respectively.

Pan Am Games – One-time payments made during 1999/2000 in support of the Pan American Games as follows: $49,300 for Manitoba Welcome Signage as part of the Pan American Games Festival Program; $154,000 for Targeted Events; and $125,000 for the Opening/Closing Ceremonies; and $50,000 for Printing of Programs.

The Princess Royal Pan Am Scholarship Endowment Fund – One-time grant of $106,000 for the establishment of The Princess Royal Pan Am Scholarship Endowment Fund. The Fund will be managed by Sport Manitoba Inc. and will provide annual scholarships of up to $3,000 each to a male and female athlete who are competing in sport at a national/international level and who are enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Tourism Winnipeg – In 1999/2000, the ongoing operating grant provided to Tourism Winnipeg was $570,500 based on 50% of budgeted net costs (after deducting revenue from other sources). The City of Winnipeg funds the balance.

Trade and Investment Strategy – Activities undertaken by Manitoba Industry, Trade and Tourism designed to increase exports of value-added goods and services, increase the number of actively exporting companies, and increase investment in Manitoba were partially funded by Manitoba Rural Development (Rural Economic Development Initiatives) and Urban Economic Development Initiatives. Total funding of $650,000 was provided in 1999/2000 from Urban Economic Development Initiatives.

United Way of Winnipeg – One-time grant funding of $165,000 was provided to the United Way of Winnipeg in 1999/2000 in support of its "Community Building" initiative.

Urban Green Team – This is a program designed to employ youths aged 16 to 24 by encouraging local not-for-profit organizations to initiate community or sustainable development focused projects to enhance the community. The program is administered by Manitoba Education and Training with assistance from the Sustainable Development Coordination Unit. Total funding of $1,718.5 was provided in 1999/2000.

Vision Quest 2000 – One-time grant funding of $5.0 provided for the Vision Quest Conference.

Winnipeg Convention Centre – A grant of $1,555,800 was made to the Winnipeg Convention Centre in 1999/2000 in support of its programming. This grant support was based on 50% of budgeted net costs for the centre, excluding debt servicing. The City of Winnipeg funds the balance.

Winnipeg Police Service Agreement – Under the terms of a seven year agreement between the Province and the City of Winnipeg, the Province is committed to fund an additional 40 police constables for the purposes of combating property crimes, crimes against people and youth violence. A payment in the amount of $2,000,000 was made in 1999/2000 for the fifth year of this agreement.

27-2 Urban Economic Development Initiatives

Expenditures by Sub-appropriation	*Actual* 1999/2000 $	*Estimate* 1999/2000 *FTE*	$	*Variance* Over/(Under)	Expl. No.
Total Expenditures	14,458.8	0.00	17,500.0	(3,041.2)	1

Explanation Number:

1. The underexpenditure reflects program requirements in 1999/2000.

Appendices

Appendix A – Urban Affairs Activities

Amendments to *The City of Winnipeg Act*

During the First Session of the 37th Legislature, Bill 2, *The City of Winnipeg Amendment Act*, was enacted. It received Royal Assent on December 14, 1999.

Bill 2 amended *The City of Winnipeg Act* to permit the City to register compliance orders regarding building, fire and health codes, against properties in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office. Once a repair order has been registered, subsequent purchasers are bound by the repair orders as if they have been personally served.

Capital Region

The goals of the Capital Region Committee are:

(a) To provide Capital Region municipalities and the Province with a forum for the identification and discussion of regional issues, concerns and ideas.
(b) To identify approaches to resolving regional issues and concerns, and to implementing solutions.
(c) To work together to enhance the attractiveness and prosperity of the Capital Region.

The Committee was co-chaired by the former Ministers of Urban Affairs and Rural Development and is now chaired by the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. It includes the Minister of Conservation, the Mayors of the City of Winnipeg, City of Selkirk and Town of Stonewall, and the Reeves of the Rural Municipalities which surround Winnipeg, including Ritchot, St. Clements, East St. Paul, Rockwood, St. François Xavier, Headingley, Rosser, Springfield, Macdonald, St. Andrews, Taché and West St. Paul. The Committee meets about three times a year.

Staff support to the Committee is provided by the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs.

In 1998, the Manitoba Government appointed an independent Capital Region Panel to consult with municipalities and the public and to make recommendations to the Province respecting the effectiveness of the existing legislative, policy and procedural framework guiding land use planning and development and the provision of services in all 16 municipalities in the Capital Region. The Panel was composed of Alan Scarth, (Chair), Betty Lindsay, David Hicks and André Chaput. (Elizabeth Fleming resigned from the Panel in September, 1999.) The Panel presented its Final Report on December 20, 1999.

Following the release of the Panel's Final Report, the Manitoba Government sought responses to the Report from the Capital Region municipalities and members of the public. A provincial response to the Panel's Report will be developed in 2000/01.

City of Winnipeg Act Re-draft

On April 22, 1998, the Province initiated a comprehensive re-draft of *The City of Winnipeg Act* in partnership with the City of Winnipeg. The objective of the re-draft was to streamline and condense *The City of Winnipeg Act*, which contains over 500 pages organized under 21 parts and three schedules. The Re-draft Project commenced at the end of June 1998. The Re-draft project team consisted of:

- a senior staff person from Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs as the Coordinator;
- a lawyer with the City of Winnipeg to assess the legal implications of the proposed changes to the legislation; and
- a legal drafter.

The re-draft was completed in the fall of 1999 and is currently being reviewed by the Government.

Financial Assistance to The City Of Winnipeg

Each year, the Department of Urban Affairs provides the City of Winnipeg with grants in support of the delivery of City programs and services. In 1999/2000, the Department's financial assistance totalled $57,447.3 as described in the Annual Report.

The Forks North Portage Partnership

The North Portage Development Corporation (NPDC) was established in December 1983 under a Unanimous Shareholders Agreement signed by Canada, Manitoba and Winnipeg. The objective of the NPDC is to implement a program of development of the North Portage area, through a combination of private, public and institutional investments designed to revitalize a key zone in downtown Winnipeg.

The Forks Renewal Corporation (FRC) was established as a subsidiary of the NPDC on July 29, 1987, under a Unanimous Shareholders Agreement signed by Canada, Manitoba and Winnipeg. The mandate of the FRC is to own and develop a major riverbank site at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, known as The Forks, and to coordinate the redevelopment of the surrounding area.

Since their inception, the Province has spent or committed in excess of $60,000.0 on both of the North Portage and The Forks initiatives.

Although the NPDC and FRC are two separate corporations, in 1994, their operations were merged and the two corporations became known as The Forks North Portage Partnership. A 10-member Board of Directors guides the activities of both the NPDC and the FRC. The Partnership operates in accordance with the Amended and Restated Unanimous Shareholders Agreement signed in March 1996, and a business plan approved by the shareholders, subject to conditions, in 1996/97.

The Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs represents the Province as a shareholder in the NPDC and the FRC. The Board is chaired by Ernst Keller. As of March 31, 2000, the three Directors appointed by the Province were: Elizabeth White, Gary T. Steiman, and Daniel Boucher. Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs coordinates provincial activities relating to The Forks and North Portage. A senior staff member of Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs serves as the Province's Shareholder Representative on the Board of Directors.

Manitoba/Winnipeg Community Revitalization Program (M/WCRP)

The M/WCRP program is a 50-50 cost-shared initiative that was developed between the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba in 1985. The program is designed to improve living conditions in older, stable, residential neighbourhoods in Winnipeg. A committee of residents elected for each M/WCRP area is involved in planning the revitalization of their neighbourhood. M/WCRP is delivered by the City of Winnipeg and monitored by Intergovernmental Affairs.

Areas proposed to receive M/WCRP funding were identified in the City's Annual Capital Estimates, subject to approval by the Province and final approval by City Council. Potential projects and a one-year implementation plan for each designated neighbourhood, with cost allocations, were included in a community revitalization strategy that was approved by the residents' committee, the City and Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs.

Between 1985 and 1991, the Province committed $5,900.0 as its 50% share towards the revitalization of five M/WCRP areas, i.e., Weston, Spence-Memorial, Transcona Centre, Burrows-Shaughnessy and Fort Rouge (Phase I). Under the $96,000.0 UCPA II (1991-96), M/WCRP provincial funding of $5,250.0 was allocated to the Fort Rouge, Elmwood, East Norwood and Glenwood neighbourhoods subject to annual budget approval by the Province.

Although the Manitoba/Winnipeg Community Revitalization Program formally concluded on March 31, 1997, implementation of approved projects continued to March 31, 2000.

The following table describes the funding committed and expended for each of the designated M/WCRP neighbourhoods to March 31, 2000:

Project	Total Budget	Total Provincial Commitment (50%)	Provincial Expenditure to March 31, 2000
	$	$	$
East Norwood	3,000.0	1,500.0	1,260.9
Elmwood	2,500.0	1,250.0	1,250.0
Fort Rouge	3,000.0	1,500.0*	1,500.0
Glenwood	3,000.0	1,500.0	1,441.5
Total	11,500.0	5,750.0*	5,452.4

* Phase I of the Fort Rouge Project was funded under UCPA I. Phase I expenditures were $1,000.0; the provincial share was $500.0 (50%).

To assist the Province and the City in assessing the effectiveness of the 1991-97 M/WCRP, in 1996/97 a program evaluation was undertaken by an independent consultant. Based on the consultant's report and internal evaluations, a proposal for a new provincial-city community revitalization program was developed and is currently being considered by government.

Neighbourhoods Alive!

Neighbourhoods Alive! was announced by the Province in the fall of 1999. It is a long-term community based approach to providing residents and other stakeholders with the support needed to rebuild urban neighbourhoods in need. Initially targeting Winnipeg, Brandon and Thompson, Neighbourhoods Alive! offers a tool box of existing and new provincial programs and initiatives which communities can access to address their priorities. In 1999/2000, the Department consulted with organizations and governments in the development of this initiative. Neighbourhoods Alive! will be fully operational in 2000/2001.

Plan Winnipeg Amendments

Plan Winnipeg, adopted by City by-law, outlines the long-term plans, policies and proposals of the City of Winnipeg respecting land use, development, transportation and measures to improve the physical, social, economic and environmental conditions of Winnipeg. The by-law and amendments to it require provincial approval. In reviewing Plan Winnipeg, the Province considers matters of interest and concern to the citizens of Manitoba as a whole.

The City of Winnipeg Act requires the City to review Plan Winnipeg at least once every five years. The current Plan Winnipeg was adopted on June 23, 1993, and was scheduled to be reviewed by June 23, 1998. The Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs may allow an extension of time or may order Winnipeg City Council to review Plan Winnipeg within a specified time. The City has received extensions regarding the adoption of a new Plan Winnipeg. The City engaged Winnipeg citizens in consultations, including numerous public meetings, in its review of the Plan. Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs participated in public meetings and information sessions and submitted a formal provincial staff response on the proposed Plan Winnipeg: Vision 2020, that identified key provincial concerns and recommendations. It is expected that the new Plan will be adopted by City Council in the fall of 2000.

There were no amendments to the current Plan Winnipeg during the 1999/2000 period.

Shoal Lake Water Quality Agreement

The Shoal Lake Agreement was signed by Manitoba, Winnipeg and Shoal Lake First Nation No. 40 in June 1989 and came into effect with the signing of a parallel agreement between Shoal Lake First Nation No. 40 and Canada on September 18, 1990. The Shoal Lake Agreement has a term of 60 years.

The objectives of the Agreement are:

To protect and maintain the quality of Winnipeg's drinking water.

To develop a comprehensive waste management system for Shoal Lake First Nation No. 40 in order to protect the water quality of Indian Bay, the source of Winnipeg's drinking water.

To promote economic viability for Shoal Lake First Nation No. 40.

The Shoal Lake Agreement provided for the establishment of an Agreement Committee consisting of the Mayor of Winnipeg, the Chief of Shoal Lake First Nation No. 40, and the Minister of Urban Affairs (now the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs). The role of the Committee is to develop consensus on matters to which the Agreement relates.

The Agreement also provided for the establishment of a Working Group with two officials from each of the three parties. The role of the Working Group is to monitor the Agreement, make inspections and reports, as deemed appropriate, and prepare an annual report. Intergovernmental Affairs is represented on the Working Group.

The Agreement provided for the establishment of a $6,000.0 Trust Fund ($3,000.0 each from the City and Province) in consideration of the First Nation's regulation of certain activities on the Reserve for a period of 60 years. The First Nation receives the annual income from the Trust Fund until the Agreement concludes.

Since the Agreement came into effect in September 1990, all of the income earned by the Trust Fund has been disbursed to the First Nation: a total to March 31, 2000 of $6,104.4.

During 1999, the Shoal Lake Agreement Committee and Working Group were chaired by the Province of Manitoba. In 2000, Shoal Lake First Nation No. 40 has this responsibility.

Urban Affairs Committee of Cabinet

The Urban Affairs Committee of Cabinet (UACC) was established to undertake the following:

To recommend to Cabinet provincial policies and programs that support the realization of provincial goals and objectives in the City of Winnipeg;

To ensure interdepartmental coordination in the development and implementation of provincial policies and programs that impact significantly on urban government in the City of Winnipeg, and to make appropriate recommendations to Cabinet when deemed necessary;

To maintain effective intergovernmental relations with the City of Winnipeg through regular meetings with its Intergovernmental Affairs Committee for purposes of resolving provincial/city issues and initiating joint action on major urban issues; and

To carry out other duties assigned by Cabinet.

Until the creation of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, membership on the Committee was comprised of the Minister of Urban Affairs as chairperson, the Premier, all ministers representing constituencies in the City of Winnipeg, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Rural Development and the Minister of Environment. The former Department of Urban Affairs performed a secretariat role to the UACC.

With the election of a new Government in September 1999, and the creation of the new Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Urban Affairs Committee of Cabinet was dissolved.

Urban Capital Projects Allocation III (UCPA III)

In April 1997, the Province announced a third six-year Urban Capital Projects Allocation (UCPA III), with total funding of **$96,000.0**. UCPA III commenced on April 1, 1997 and will conclude on March 31, 2003.

The purpose of UCPA III is to support a financial partnership with the City of Winnipeg for the renewal and enhancement of the City's capital infrastructure. The program has the following components:

City Priorities - $30,000.0
The Province is allocating an average of $5,000.0 annually in unconditional funds to Winnipeg, to support the City in identifying and resourcing its priority capital projects.

Infrastructure Renewal and Strategic Enhancements - $66,000.0
The Province has established a specific allocation to cost-share joint priority capital projects that will renew existing infrastructure or provide new infrastructure which supports Winnipeg's economic development. The City annually identifies proposed projects for funding, with final selection by the Province.

Implementation of Innovative Projects
To encourage increased innovative approaches to implementing capital projects, the Province requires that the City use at least 10% ($9.6 million) of total UCPA III funding on projects which incorporate innovative methods. The City must submit a plan for each innovative project, which describes the innovation and identifies the projected financial and/or other benefits.

Winnipeg Development Agreement

On March 10, 1995, the Province signed a five-year, $75,000.0 partnership agreement with the Government of Canada and the City of Winnipeg, to support the long-term sustainable economic development of Winnipeg. Formal approval of the agreement followed consideration by the three governments of feedback received through the June 1994 Public Forum on a proposed development agreement.

A Policy Committee consisting of the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, the principal Federal Minister for Manitoba, and the Mayor of Winnipeg, is responsible for overall Agreement management. A tripartite Management Committee of senior officials supports the Policy Committee. Coordinators from each level of government coordinate and administer the overall Winnipeg Development Agreement (WDA). The Department of Intergovernmental Affairs is represented on the Management Committee and is the lead provincial department responsible for administering the WDA and coordinating provincial programs.

The objectives of the WDA are to:

- work with business and the community to create long-term employment;
- assist people in accessing job opportunities; and
- create a safe, healthy and environmentally sound community in which to live, work and do business.

Funding by the three levels of government has been allocated among three components to achieve these objectives:

- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY** - to promote a safe, productive and healthy community in which to live, work and do business. $23,602.4

- **LABOUR FORCE DEVELOPMENT** - to assist people to access job opportunities and, where necessary, help them to prepare for current and future employment. $20,939.6

- **STRATEGIC AND SECTORAL INVESTMENTS** - to create long term employment by focusing on future industry growth areas. $28,996.0

Funds of $1,462.0 have been allocated for overall Agreement administration.

Specific programs have been identified under each of the three components. Under the WDA framework, the implementing jurisdiction for a program or sub-program is solely responsible for funding and administering the program/sub-program activities.

In 1999/2000, total provincial WDA expenditures were $6,677.3

A summary of provincial WDA commitments approved in 1999/2000, totalling $6,586.6, is provided on the following pages.

	Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
1B	**North Main Economic Development**	Transit Stations / Public Amenities	Install new transit shelters, shelter signage, transit benches, transit signposts, concrete planters and waste receptacles on Main Street between the CPR tracks and St. John's Avenue.	100.0
		Marketing Component	Program to market/advertise retail section of Main Street, between William and St. John's Avenues.	150.0
		Storefront Improvement Program:		
		Cravat's Tailors	Awnings and signage.	1.7
		New-West Hotel	Doors, windows, walls and paint.	10.0
		Henry Wasserman	Doors and windows.	4.1
		Taste of Europe	Doors, windows, walls and paint.	5.8
		Chicago Phil's Pizza	Doors, windows and mural.	2.2
		Tony Sarraino	Masonry, repair and paint.	8.5
		Canada Wrap	Stucco, windows, metal valence.	7.5
		MarketPlace Streetscaping Project	Streetscaping from Sutherland Avenue to Redwood Avenue, including gateway features at Sutherland and Redwood, as well as a commercial focus between Dufferin Avenue and Pritchard Avenue.	233.7
		TOTAL PROGRAM 1B		**523.5**
2	**Urban Safety**	Urban Sports Camps: Winnipeg Native Alliance	Continued operation of the Urban Sports Camp sites at Turtle Island and Broadway Community Centre.	247.0
		Community-Based: Lighthouse Schools	Approval-in-principle of project to provide after-school hours activities and programs in schools and community centres, including recreation, life, leisure and learning skills which meet the needs of all age groups.	310.1
		TOTAL PROGRAM 2		**557.1**

	Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
3B	**Neighbourhood Infrastructure**	Neighbourhoods Alive!: Inner City Recreation Facilities Upgrading II	Critical improvements to additional inner city community centres, public recreation facilities and athletic fields (project list pending).	434.0
		Projects approved under Neighbourhoods Alive! – Inner City Recreation Facilities Upgrading I:		
		Central Park	Playground redevelopment to meet current CSA standards including new play structure equipment, safety pods and bases, timber edging and soft landscaping.	20.0
		Fort Rouge Park	Playground redevelopment to meet current CSA standards including new play structure equipment, safety pods and bases, timber edging and soft landscaping.	50.0
		Lord Selkirk Park Playground 2000	Playground redevelopment to meet current CSA and City standards at Turtle Island Recreation Centre and area adjacent to David Livingstone School. Includes soccer field, basketball court, tetherball courts, waterplay area, and play structures.	50.0
		Mayfair Park East	Playground redevelopment to meet current CSA standards including new play structure equipment, safety pods and bases, timber edging and soft landscaping.	40.0

	Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
3B	**Neighbourhood Infrastructure**	Projects approved under Neighbourhoods Alive! – Inner City Recreation Facilities Upgrading I:		
		William Whyte Community School	Playground redevelopment to meet current CSA standards including new play structure equipment, safety pods and bases, timber edging and soft landscaping, as well as wading pool upgrades.	50.0
		Inkster School	Playground redevelopment to meet current CSA standards including new play structure equipment, safety pods and bases, timber edging and soft landscaping.	20.0
		Central Community Centre (Unit #6)	Washroom upgrades to meet current code and new flooring.	50.0
		Elmwood Seniors Centre	Replacement of existing roof system due to serious structural deficiencies.	85.0
		Central Community Centre	Conversion to natural gas furnaces from electric to increase heating efficiency and reduce operating costs.	18.0
		Orioles Community Centre	Handicapped washroom upgrades to meet current code.	27.0
		Broadway Neighbourhood Centre	Fire alarm system and emergency lighting upgrades to meet current codes, major refurbishment of washrooms replacement of egress doors/ frames/hardware and repairs to east entrance.	111.0
		Robert A. Steen Community Centre	Resurfacing parking lot and pathways around the facility to allow safe access to the handicapped elevator.	12.0
		Norquay Community Centre	Fire alarm system and emergency lighting upgrades to meet current code, washroom refurbishment, gym lighting, fire exit doors/ frames/hardware.	87.0

	Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
3B	**Neighbourhood Infrastructure**	Projects approved under Neighbourhoods Alive! – Inner City Recreation Facilities Upgrading I:		
		Norquay Community Centre	Fire alarm system and emergency lighting upgrades to meet current code, washroom refurbishment and structural floor repairs.	80.0
		Alexander Ross School	Renovation of one soccer field.	20.0
		Anderson Park	Renovation of one soccer field.	20.0
		Crocus Park	Renovation of one baseball field.	25.0
		Harold Hatcher Park	Renovation of one baseball field.	25.0
		Kirkfield-Westwood Community Centre	Replacement of batting cages, repair of fields, refill for diamonds, replacement of two new diamonds with backstops to complete previous project.	26.1
		Luxton Community Centre	Renovation of one baseball field.	10.0
		Maples Community Centre	Renovation of one soccer field.	18.0
		Margate Park / O.V. Jewitt	Renovation of three mini soccer fields and one soccer field.	38.0
		Omand's Park	Renovation of northeast baseball field.	33.0
		Optimist Park	Dugouts, well, holding tanks, building extension with washrooms and diamond upgrading.	30.0
		Park City West Community Centre	Renovation of one soccer field.	25.0
		Prendergast Park	Renovation of two baseball fields.	20.0
		Ryerson Park	Renovation of one baseball field and backstop.	20.0
		St. Norbert Community Centre	Renovation of two baseball fields, including drainage.	61.0

	Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
3B	**Neighbourhood Infrastructure**	Projects approved under Neighbourhoods Alive! – Inner City Recreation Facilities Upgrading I:		
		Tyndall Park Recreation centre	Renovation of two soccer fields.	40.0
		Tyndall Park Recreation Centre	Renovation of one soccer field.	18.0
		Prendergast Community Centre	Creative play structure and related park amenities.	24.0
		Fort Rouge Leisure Centre	Enhance leisure amenities at the centre to increase opportunities for intergenerational programming.	225.0
		TOTAL PROGRAM 3B		**1,812.1**
4A	**Housing Assistance For High Risk Groups**	Westminster Housing Society Inc.	Demolition of two boarded-up houses on Alloway Avenue in West Broadway and construction of four new units (two duplexes) of rental housing.	270.0
		Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre: Parenting Support Project	Capital costs of residential program for adolescent females expecting children, to develop parenting skills. Will house up to 12 mothers and their children.	346.0
		TOTAL PROGRAM 4A		**616.0**
5D	**Training In Emerging Growth Sectors**	Commitment-in-Principle	Approval-in-principle of funding for several projects.	90.8
		Health Care Products Association of Manitoba	Life Sciences Commercialization Internship – to cost-share in the development and delivery of a pilot program to prepare up to 30 post-secondary graduates to work effectively as business managers in the entrepreneurial and technical environments of start-up companies in the life science/bio-technology field.	170.7

	Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
5D	**Training In Emerging Growth Sectors**			
		Arts & Cultural Industries Training Plan Development Team	Winnipeg Folk Festival Events Planning and Management Program – to assist in the development of a program which will be delivered to up to 25 participants from within the festival and events community.	26.4
		Manitoba Quality Network	Quality Workshop Series 2000: Achieving World Class Quality Through High Performance Practices – to cost-share with industry, a series of nine linked, quality-related workshops designed to assist Manitoba organizations to improve their effectiveness in achieving world class quality.	30.8
		Manitoba Innovation Network/Manitoba Quality Network	Knowledge Management Initiative – extension of a project related to knowledge management and intellectual capital.	3.4
		TOTAL PROGRAM 5D		**322.1**
8	**Innovative & Preventive Child & Family Services**			
		Winnipeg International Children's Festival – Circus and Magic Partnership	An innovative and preventive strategy for inner-city youth through an arts and education opportunity.	30.1
		Community Research Group (c/o Youville Centre)	Publication of a Winnipeg Director of Recreation and Enrichment Program for Children and Youth	52.3
		Community Education Development Association – Dreams of Tomorrow	A preventive strategy aimed at adolescent girls in the Lord Selkirk Community.	64.0
		Fort Rouge Co-op Day Nursery Inc. – Purchase of Materials	Purchase of materials to address program and safety needs.	1.0

Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
8 Innovative & Preventive Child & Family Services			
	Ryerson School – Family Centre	A preventive strategy aimed at early childhood development.	28.0
	Misericordia General Hospital: Wolseley Family Place – Parenting Support Project	Extension of a community-based resource centre with holistic programming for single mothers and pregnant women living in poverty.	125.0
	Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre Inc. – Solvent Abuse Protection Program	Extension of Early Intervention Program to promote healthy lifestyles.	99.9
	Bookmates, Inc. – Early Start to Literacy Training Program	Extension of training program on child development and early literacy.	58.0
	Klinic Community Health Centre – Teen Talk Project	Extension of comprehensive health promotion program on teen issues.	65.9
	Pregnancy Distress Family Support Services, Inc.	Extension of parenting program designed to reduce child abuse.	8.4
	St. George School – Parenting Centre	Extension of school-based drop-in program with early literacy and referral service.	60.0
	Family Dispute Consortium:	Extension of Compulsive Behaviours Project – to promote adaptive coping strategies.	
	The Laurel Centre		20.0
	Osborne House		45.0
	Native Women's Transition Centre		45.0
	Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre		45.0
	Winnipeg Second Stage Program		45.0
	Youville Centre – Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program	Extension of community-based program to support the development of healthy children.	54.8

Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
8 Innovative & Preventive Child & Family Services			
	Miriam Centre Inc. – Family/Child Counselling Project	Extension of a community-based resource to disadvantaged families.	28.0
	William Whyte School – School Worker Project	Further extension for another year of support services in a high needs neighbourhood.	62.0
	New Directions for Children, Youth and Families	Reaching Out Supporting Licensed Day Care Facilities: early intervention program for childhood educators and family day care providers.	54.2
	Children & Youth Secretariat – Early Start Program	Home visitors for ten Winnipeg sites.	272.7
	West Broadway Neighbourhood Housing Resource Centre	Neighbourhood Parent Support Project: preventive strategy for at-risk families in the inner city.	41.0
	Adolescent Parent Interagency Network (APIN)	One-time funding for printing and distribution of a newsletter targeted to adolescent parents.	15.9
	TOTAL PROGRAM 8		**1,321.2**
9 Transportation			
	Commitments-in-principle	Approval-in-principle of funding for several projects.	300.0
	TOTAL PROGRAM 9		**300.0**

Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
12A Riverbank Development	Omand's Creek II	Extend the creek pathway system north of Ellice Avenue along Empress Street. Includes interpretive signage, and bank restoration of native plants.	15.3
	Save Our Seine River Environment II	Extend the riverside pathway system south of Marion Street. Includes interpretive signage, bank restoration and wildlife management.	150.0
	Old St. Vital BIZ	Riverside streetscaping project between Vivian and Harrowby Avenues.	100.0
	Churchill Parkway	To provide a link on the west side of the Red River from Don Gerrie Park to the Elm Park Bridge. Includes a pathway, signage and amenities.	160.0
	North Winnipeg Parkway	To provide a link from the downtown Alexander Docks on the west-side of the Red River to Annabella Street, and through to Norquay Park in North Point Douglas. Includes a pathway, signage and amenities.	145.0
	Parkway Signage	To provide consistent parkway image signage, distance markers and safety information along the parkway system related to WDA Riverbank Development Program projects which have been previously approved.	25.0
	St. Boniface Parkway/ Lagimodiere-Gaboury Homestead	To connect the existing sections of St. Boniface Parkway to the Seine River walkway and historic homestead. Project includes a pathway, signage and amenities.	110.0

	Program	Project Title	Project Description	WDA Prov. Commitment ($)
12A	**Riverbank Development**	Lyndale Drive	To provide a link between the St. Boniface and St. Vital parkways on the east side of the Red River, connecting Lyndale Drive with the St. Mary's Road Viewing Platform. Includes a pathway, signage, and amenities.	75.0
		Pritchard Boat Yard Site	To undertake improvements to these riverside properties on the west side of the Red River which have been acquired by the City, and provide a link to the North Winnipeg Parkway. Includes a pathway, signage and amenities.	75.0
		TOTAL PROGRAM 12A		**720.3**
14	**Strategic Initiatives**			
		Feasibility Study for a Film/Broadcasting Technician Program	A study to determine the viability of developing and implementing a film/broadcasting technician training program at the St. Boniface Technology Centre (formerly Pierre Radisson Collegiate), and to identify what such a training program should entail.	14.3
		Our Place / Neeginan	Additional funding to enable completion of the Thunderbird House project.	400.0
		TOTAL PROGRAM 14		**414.3**
		TOTAL		**6,586.6**

Appendix B - Calendar of Significant Urban Affairs Events

June 30, 1999	The former Minister of Urban Affairs advised the City of Winnipeg that the Province had approved $5,000.0 in funding for residential street repair projects proposed by the City.
July 30, 1999	The former Minister of Urban Affairs advised the City of Winnipeg that it would be receiving a supplementary Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) grant of $126.9 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999.
August 19, 1999	The former Minister of Urban Affairs announced 1999/2000 Urban Capital Projects Allocation III commitments to the City of Winnipeg totalling $13,707.5.
December 20, 1999	The Ministers of Intergovernmental Affairs and Family Services and Housing announced the Neighbourhoods Alive! initiative for the revitalization of priority inner city neighbourhoods and initial funding approval of $419.4 for community-based housing projects on Alfred Avenue and in West Broadway, as well as education and training projects for inner city youth and funding for a feasibility study for the potential re-use of the North Winnipeg YMCA facility.
February 11, 2000	Under Neighbourhoods Alive!, the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs announced a $200.0 contribution to the "Just Housing" North End Renovation Training Program which provides social assistance recipients with renovation skills training, along with basic literacy, mathematics and life skills.
March 10, 2000	The Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs advised the City of Winnipeg that it would be receiving an additional 1999/2000 grant of $4,644.4, including: • a supplementary General Support Grant payment of $19.4; and • an additional $4,625.0 grant payment to reimburse the City for a reduction applied to the May 16, 1999 quarterly grant payment to Winnipeg.

March 21, 2000 The Circle of Life Thunderbird House, to which Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs contributed $1,200.0 through the Strategic Initiatives Program of the Winnipeg Development Agreement, was officially opened.

Appendix C – Committees and Crown Corporations

Leaf Rapids Town Properties Ltd.

Leaf Rapids Town Properties (formerly Leaf Rapids Corporation) was formed in 1971 by a precedent setting agreement between the Province and Sherrit-Gordon Mines. (In 1987, ownership of the Ruttan Mines was acquired by Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting from Sherrit-Gordon Mines.) Under the agreement, all assessable surface property of the mining company was put on the tax roll for taxation purposes, making the company a corporate citizen of the Town. The Province, through the Leaf Rapids Corporation, developed the townsite property and is recovering costs through land sales and property rentals, proceeds of Local Government District Debenture issues retired through taxation, Provincial funding of schools and hospitals, and Provincial grant programs.

The Corporation has a four-person Board of Directors comprised of senior Civil Servants. Day-to-day management of the Town Centre, industrial park, mobile home park, and other properties is carried out by a staff of three under the direction of a General Manager.

An audited financial report is prepared each fiscal year.

Appendix D – Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs Head Offices

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Assistant Deputy Minister
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Administrative and Human Resource Services
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Municipal Finance & Advisory Services
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(204) 945-2564 FAX 945-1994

Municipal Assessment
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Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4
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Information Systems
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Provincial Planning Services
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Community Planning Services
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Regional Development Services
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Altona Mall
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Appendix E – Regional Offices

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Civic Centre
100-2nd Street South
Souris MB R0K 2C0
(204) 483-2165 FAX 483-2423

110 - 7th Avenue North
Swan River MB R0L 1Z0
(204) 734-4566 FAX 734-5039

27-2nd Avenue S.W.
Dauphin MB R7N 3E5
(204) 622-2117 FAX 622-2298

101 - 11th Street
Morden MB R6M 2B3
(204) 822-6161 FAX 822-6764

103 - 235 Eaton Avenue
Selkirk MB R1A 0W7
(204) 785-5092 FAX 785-5155

335 - 323 Main Street
Steinbach MB R0A 2A0
(204) 326-9896 FAX 326-5754

59 Elizabeth Drive
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Municipal Finance & Advisory Services

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Box 22147, 2022 Currie Blvd.
Brandon MB R7A 6Y9
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Dauphin MB R7N 3E5
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P.O. Box 389
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Deloraine MB R0M 0M0
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